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## CALL TO ORDER

*At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda called the session to order.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The session is called to order.

## PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Please rise for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody rose for the silent prayer.*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Please remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem.

*Everybody remained standing for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

We defer the calling of the roll of Members of this House.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

We, therefore, defer the approval of the Journal.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business, and request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will now proceed to read the Reference of Business.

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Message from the President and Communications, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3207, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL TOLLWAY OPERATORS TO IMPLEMENT TAX HOLIDAYS FROM 10:00 PM OF DECEMBER 24 UNTIL 6:00 AM OF DECEMBER 25 AND 10:00 PM OF DECEMBER 31 UNTIL 6:00 AM OF JANUARY 1”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3208, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PUBLIC REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTERS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3209, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER, SUPERVISE, AND REGULATE PRIVATE SCHOOLS OFFERING PRIMARY

AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3210, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CLINICS, AND OTHER FACILITIES TO RELEASE A CADAVER IN THEIR POSSESSION WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FROM TIME OF DEATH TO THE FAMILY OR RELATIVES IN RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CLINIC ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES’ ”

By Representative Balindong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3211, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lim  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3212, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AURORA MEMORIAL PROTECTED LANDSCAPE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MARIA AURORA AND SAN LUIS ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABON, NUEVA ECUAJAR PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3213, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DECLARE AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMERS’ MONTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dy (Faustino Michael)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3214, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 3215, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING AND STANDARDIZING PARKING FEES OF MALLS, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT OFFER PAID PARKING SPACES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3216, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL HEALTH FACILITIES FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS TO BE KNOWN AS BAGONG BAYANING FILIPINO HOSPITAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3217, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE INSURANCE FOR COVERED APPLICANTS OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3218, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR ALL TEACHING PERSONNEL IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3219, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION TO FREELANCERS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3220, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION BY BRAND OWNERS OF MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT PROVIDE REFUND VALUES FOR CERTAIN BEVERAGE CONTAINERS”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3221, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUS OPERATORS/COMPANIES REGISTERED AND OPERATING IN OR ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND GRANTED FRANCHISES THEREOF TO SECURE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE STANDARDS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) FROM ACCREDITED CERTIFYING AGENCIES”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3222, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SAN ROQUE PARISH IN CALOOCAN CITY AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK AND SHRINE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, CALLING FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3223, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3224, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DULAG SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (EVSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DULAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9311, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Noel and Javier

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3225, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE KIPIT AGRO-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL IN KIPIT, LABASON, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MURCIELAGOS STATE COLLEGE (MSC) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3226, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PALAWAN PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CORON, CUYO, ROXAS, SAN VICENTE, SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, AND QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Acosta, Abueg-Zaldivar and Alvarez (Franz)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3227, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM THAT IMPLEMENTS AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY STRATEGY FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE’S PLAN AND MANDATING THE RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO

PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992' ”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3228, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICE IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3229, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010' ”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 3230, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE CITIZEN SERVICE TRAINING COURSE, ESTABLISHING THE CITIZEN SERVICE CORPS, CREATING THE CITIZEN SERVICE MOBILIZATION COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3231, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 54, CHAPTER 8, SUBTITLE A, TITLE I, BOOK V, OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, ADDING AS PROHIBITION OR DISQUALIFICATION FROM APPOINTMENT OR DESIGNATION IN ANY PUBLIC OFFICE THE CONVICTION

OR SANCTION IN ANY COURT, TRIBUNAL OR BODY PENDING APPEAL OF CONVICTION WHERE THE PENALTY IMPOSED INCLUDES TEMPORARY OR PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION”

By Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3232, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TESDA IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALBAYOG CITY TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3233, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF BENEFITS FOR THE OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY”

By Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3234, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The Chair respectfully requests everyone in the gallery and on the floor to kindly tone down their mini sessions because I believe that the acoustics of this Chamber exaggerates the noise. This is just a respectful, kind request of the Chair. We know that it is the Reference of Business and we have our own business to conduct, but the Chair realizes that while sitting here, you cannot concentrate as well. We respect the discussions on the floor but with the concurrence of the Majority Leader, we request for utmost silence when applicable.

Thank you.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. I am rising on a question of personal privilege. I would like to be enlightened as to why we are dispensing with the roll call when it is number one in the agenda.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). You are correct, Congressman Atienza, but if he was listening earlier, the Majority Leader manifested, and nobody objected, that the roll call be deferred until such time that the Chamber shall have a quorum. May I ask the Majority Leader whether the Chamber has a quorum now so that we may proceed with the roll call as requested by Congressman Atienza.

REP. ATIENZA. We were here even before the Lady banged the gavel.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). You are correct.

REP. ATIENZA. We were present even before the singing of the National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The Chair was here at 2:30 p.m. and saw the Gentleman as well.

REP. ATIENZA. It is just that now, we are raising the point and since the Chair broke the flow of the Order of Business, then I am taking this opportunity to ask—why are we dispensing with the roll call when it is number one in the agenda.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Do I consider that an objection?

REP. ATIENZA. I am just inquiring, Mme. Speaker. If the Majority Leader would enlighten us, then we would know better why we are dispensing. Why are we going back to the old practices of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). May we ask the Majority Leader to respond.

REP. ATIENZA. We already corrected that, Mme. Speaker, nabago na po iyan. Huwag po tayong bumalik sa dating gawi.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). May we ask the Majority Leader to respond, please.

REP. ATIENZA. Can we have a response from the Majority Leader, Mme. Speaker?

REP. BONDOC. Certainly, Mme. Speaker. Earlier at the start of the session, Mme. Speaker, we simply deferred the calling of the roll to allow our Members to enter the session hall. Giving in to the wishes of our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Atienza, may I now make the motion to call the roll of Members, Mme. Speaker.

I so move.

REP. ATIENZA. Second point, Mme. Speaker, why are we not furnished a copy of a Journal that is supposed to be the second item in the Order of Business? Wala po tayong Journal kaya wala po tayong aaprubahan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Before you leave the first point, may we ask the Majority Leader to respond.

The points raised by Congressman Atienza are valid. May we, therefore, request that the roll be called, and we follow the rules and therefore, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the roll will be called. I am only presiding for one hour today, so I leave it to the better judgment of this Chamber to decide and follow the rules.

The Majority Leader will please respond.

REP. ATIENZA. We ask the Secretariat, Mme. Speaker, that each Member, whether present or not, be given a copy of the Order of Business and a copy of the Journal that we are supposed to act on.

Again, let me remind the Chair, we do not want to go back to the malpractices of the past. Nabago na po iyan, maayos ang takbo ng ating Kongreso, and we do not want to go back to darkness.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Point of order, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List is very correct, but we beg his indulgence that, due to the extraordinarily large amount of legislation being proposed by our colleagues, the Journal cannot be printed on time. We ask for his indulgence, and we hope he can understand that by this afternoon, we will have the Journal for our approval. To give in to his wishes, I reiterate my previous motion, Mme. Speaker, that we call the roll of Members.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Point of order, Mme. Speaker. Just a quick point of order, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, a point of order entails a broken rule of the House. May I ask the Gentleman what rule he is referring to.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Mme. Speaker, actually this is in defense of the Majority Leader.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). There was a formal motion to ...

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, what rule is the Gentleman referring to?

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Mme. Speaker, if I may just explain my point of order. There was a formal motion to dispense with the roll call. There was also a formal motion to do away with the approval of the Journal. So, it was in order, Mme. Speaker. I just wanted to point out that the motions of the Majority Leader were carried, and unless there is a question on the motions approved, there were, in fact, formal motions, Mme. Speaker, approved by the Plenary. I just wanted to point that out, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The Party-List Congressman is correct. There was a motion to defer and since there was no objection, the two motions were carried. However, the manifestation of the Congressman from BUHAY Party-List is simply the reiteration of the plenary rules, and the Chair takes note of that.

The Majority Leader already manifested for the roll call to be made now. May we ask the Secretary General to please call the roll.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, we would like to correct the point of order of the Gentleman from ANAKALUSUGAN Party-List and we would like to put it in order. Alam po ninyo, a question of privilege can be taken up at any time. I cannot work because I do not have the copy of the Order of Business. I cannot work because we do not have the copy of the Journal that we are supposed to be reviewing today. For the information of Congressman Defensor (M.), the rules say that on a question of personal privilege, any Member can rise and interrupt the proceedings—pinaka-importante po iyon. Papaano tayo magtratrabaho, wala tayong mga kopya ng agenda. Ayaw ko pong masanay. Si Congressman Defensor (M.), kung sa kanya ay okay iyon, wala po akong masasabi, pero sa akin po, hindi ito okay. Kailangan may Order of Business that we are taking up; otherwise, everything is irregular.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Thank you, Congressman Atienza.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ROLL CALL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I reiterate my earlier motion that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 8, dated August 6, 2019.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 237 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). With 237 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we continue with the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will please continue reading the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 3235, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

House Bill No. 3236, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Sarmiento  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3237, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 1387, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 3791”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3238, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN LEGISLATION AND RULE-MAKING THROUGH THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 3239, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT OF CEBU PROVINCE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salimbangon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3240, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3241, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM BARANGAY CURVA TO BARANGAY POBLACION TO BARANGAYS LUY-A, LAMINTAK NORTE, LAMINTAK SUR AND DAYHAGON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN IN THE DISTRICT OF CEBU PROVINCE INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Salimbangon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3242, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN MEMORIAL MONUMENT AT THE CITY HALL OF BOGO CITY, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salimbangon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3243, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY KNOWN AS ‘MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN DAY’ IN THE CITY OF BOGO IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN, AN OUTSTANDING STATESMAN AND LEGAL LUMINARY”

By Representative Salimbangon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3244, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 3245, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT

OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 3246, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3247, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS FOR ALL LINEMEN AND OTHER POWER LINE WORKERS AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Dagooc  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3248, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY POWER GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES, PARTICULARLY NON-STOCK NON-PROFIT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, FROM THE IMPOSITION OF VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTIONS 108(A) AND 109(1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 9337 AND 10863, AND OTHER FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Dagooc, De Jesus, Ebcas and Guya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3249, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BABATNIN, CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS BABATNIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3250, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SANTISIMA TRINIDAD, CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SANTISIMA TRINIDAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3251, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE COFFEE INDUSTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3252, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3253, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE CACAO INDUSTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3254, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITHIN THE PAST SIX (6) MONTHS”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3255, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TIMBANGAN



NG BAYAN CENTER IN ALL MARKETS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES’”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3256, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES’, AND FURTHER AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE REVISED PENAL CODE’, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002’”

By Representative Hernandez  
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By Representative Herrera-Dy  
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House Bill No. 3345, entitled:

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By Representative Almario  
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By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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By Representative Hofer  
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By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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By Representative Chungalao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3362, entitled:

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By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

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By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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By Representative Chungalao  
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By Representative Herrera-Dy  
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By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
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By Representative Garin (Sharon)  
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By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago  
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By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago  
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By Representative Defensor (Michael)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 146, entitled:

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By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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By Representative Marquez  
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By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

House Resolution No. 151, entitled:

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By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 152, entitled:

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By Representative Arenas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
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House Resolution No. 153, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MASSIVE CORRUPTION IN THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 154, entitled:

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By Representatives Limkaichong, Sagarbarria, Valmayor, Cueva, Benitez, Ferrer (Juliet), Paduano, Chatto, Abaya, Amatong, Belmonte, Billones, Bordado, Daza, Del Mar, Umali (Alfonso), Erice, Hataman, Lagman, Quimbo, Ramirez-Sato, Gasataya and Ong (Jose)  
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House Resolution No. 155, entitled:

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By Representatives Elago, Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat and Brosas  
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By Representatives Pineda and Romero  
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House Resolution No. 157, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CHARGING OF PARKING FEES ON MALLS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT FACILITIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO REGULATE THE SAME”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 158, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED INCONSISTENCIES AND FAILURE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, SPECIFICALLY THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS TO PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS (PHWs), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THESE POLICY GAPS AND ADOPTING PROGRAMS OF ACTION TO MAKE THE LAW EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC) ACT”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 159, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, (P.D. NO. 442), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES GOVERNING NORMAL HOURS OF WORK WITH THE END VIEW OF ASSURING HUMANE CONDITIONS OF WORK AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF WORKERS”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 160, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER RELATED LAWS”

By Representatives Dagooc, De Jesus, Ebcas and Guya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 161, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EPIRA LAW AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SPOT MARKET RULES AND OTHER RELEVANT ISSUANCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION”

By Representatives Dagooc, De Jesus, Ebcas and Guya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 162, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2019 PHILIPPINE CHEMISTRY TEAM WHO COMPETED IN THE 51<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD IN PARIS, FRANCE”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 163, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 105<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 164, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. ARTHUR REINER V. DE BELEN FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 51<sup>ST</sup> EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD HELD IN PARIS, FRANCE”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 165, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MMDA PROVINCIAL BUS BAN ON EDSA”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 166, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDEMN THE SPATE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN THE ISLAND OF NEGROS, AND CALL ON THE AUTHORITIES TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THE KILLINGS AND BRING THE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE”

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 167, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED UNCEREMONIOUS TERMINATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHW) BY BARANGAY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ITS EFFECT TO THE DELIVERY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES”



By Representative Co (Angelica)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 168, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMISSION ON AUDIT, AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES FOR THE SPEEDY RELEASE OF COMPLETE AND CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FUNDS”

By Representative Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 169, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROBE THE RELEASE OF SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FUNDS AND ITS UTILIZATION”

By Representative Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 170, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE EXISTENCE AND CIRCULATION OF LOCAL VINEGAR BRANDS MADE FROM SYNTHETIC ACETIC ACID AND FOR CONCERNED AGENCIES TO PURSUE RESULTS OF ITS INTER-AGENCY MEETING TOWARDS THE SAFETY OF FILIPINO CONSUMERS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Resolution No. 171, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE LEGALITY OF, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN, THE ACTIONS OF FORTUNE MEDICARE, INC. (FORTUNE CARE) IN NO LONGER RENEWING THE NON-LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS OF EXISTING MEMBERS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 172, entitled:

“RESOLUTION MANDATING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) TO REVIEW AND CLARIFY THE NATURE, PURPOSE, AND RESTRICTIONS OF GARAGE-TERMINAL (GT) / UTILITY VEHICLE (UV) EXPRESS FRANCHISES, AND FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE FRANCHISES.”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 173, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE CREATION BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE REVISION OF LAWS ON LAND TRANSPORTATION, ROAD SAFETY FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A NEW LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 174, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ACTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER AND THE PHILIPPINE STAR IN ALLEGED SPREADING OF FALSE NEWS, UNFAIR REPORTING OUT OF CONTEXT, AND OTHER ACTS OF IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 175, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ACTIONS OF THE HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD (HLURB) IN IMPLEMENTING MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 09, SERIES OF 2018 AND HLURB RESOLUTION NO. 965, SERIES OF 2017, CONTAINING PROCEDURAL AND OTHER CUMBERSOME REQUIREMENTS OSTENSIBLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 176, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TO CALL UPON PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO RETAIN THE EXISTING LEGISLATED MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY (MACR) OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CICL) AND INSTEAD PROVIDE FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO BETTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXISTING LAWS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 180, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AND HONORING THE GAINS OF THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM THROUGH ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES IN PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO RURAL AREAS”

By Representatives Dagooc, De Jesus, Ebcas and Guya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 177, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SEAN OMAR FRANCISCO FOR GETTING AN HONORABLE MENTION AND BRONZE MEDAL IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2019 VANDA SCIENCE GLOBAL FINALS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA”

By Representative Marquez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 181, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PASIG-MARIKINA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS UNDER THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA)”

By Representative Fernando  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 178, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXCLUSION OF AGRICULTURALLY VIABLE PARCELS OF LAND IN SARIAYA, QUEZON FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM”

By Representatives Suarez (David) and Villaraza-Suarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 182, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATUS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY’S (TESDA) PHILIPPINE TVET COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (PTCACS)”

By Representative Fernando  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 179, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO EXPLORE THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AS ALTERNATIVE ACADEMIC AND

House Resolution No. 183, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)

ON THE OVER-STOCKING OF NEAR  
EXPIRY DRUGS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 184, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CAUSES  
OF DELAY IN THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF AND DISPERSAL OF MEDICINES  
AND RECOMMEND MEASURES FOR  
THEIR PROPER WAREHOUSING,  
MONITORING AND IMMEDIATE  
DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 185, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY  
CONDEMNING THE RECENT  
SERIES OF KILLINGS OF LAWYERS,  
PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES;  
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON  
JUSTICE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
OF THESE KILLINGS; AND URGING  
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL  
POLICE TO FORM A SPECIAL  
TASK FORCE, IN COORDINATION  
AND COLLABORATION WITH THE  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE  
PHILIPPINES, TO CONDUCT THE  
NECESSARY LEGAL ACTIONS”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 186, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES THRU THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION INTO THE FINANCIAL,  
AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY  
OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH  
INSURANCE CORPORATION IN  
LINE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.11223 OR THE  
UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT”

By Representative Garin (Janette)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). We will  
have a one-minute suspension of the session.

*It was 4:14 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:15 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). The  
session is resumed.

The Secretary General will please continue with  
the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

House Resolution No. 187, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING  
RAGE AND CONDEMNATION ON THE  
SERIES OF KILLINGS IN NEGROS  
ISLAND WHERE AN INCREASE ON  
THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WAS SEEN  
SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 32 AND  
CALLING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES TO IMMEDIATELY PUT  
AN END TO THE KILLINGS”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Gaite, Cullamat,  
Castro (France) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 188, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE  
COMPASSION AND EMPATHY  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
VICTIMS OF THE JULY 13, 2019  
EARTHQUAKE IN CARRASCAL,  
CANTILAN AND MADRID,  
SURIGAO DEL SUR AND  
COMMENDING THE IMMEDIATE  
RESCUE AND RELIEF EFFORTS  
EXTENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
DEVELOPMENT, THE ARMED  
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR  
THEIR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE  
AND ASSISTANCE”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter),  
Romualdez (Ferdinand), Abante and  
Pichay  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

July 26, 2019

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
House of Representatives  
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 27(1), Article VI of the 1987 Constitution, I am returning herewith without my signature the consolidated enrolled Senate Bill No. 1826/House Bill No. 6908, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING WORKERS RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 106, 107, 108, AND 109 OF BOOK III, AND ARTICLES 294, 295, 296, AND 297 OF BOOK VI OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED.”

I stand by my firm commitment to protect the workers' right to security of tenure by eradicating all forms of abusive employment practices. Our goal, however, has always been to target the abuse, while leaving businesses free to engage in those practices beneficial to both management and the workforce. While the bill mostly codifies into law existing rules, regulations, orders, and jurisprudence on matters of labor-only contracting and security of tenure, it likewise unduly broadens the scope and definition of prohibited labor-only contracting, effectively proscribing forms of contractualization that are not particularly unfavorable to the employees involved.

Indeed, while labor-only contracting must be prohibited, legitimate job-contracting should be allowed, provided that the contractor is well capitalized, has sufficient investments, and affords its employees all the benefits provided for under the labor laws. Businesses should be allowed to determine whether they should outsource certain activities or not, especially when job-contracting will result in economy and efficiency in their operations, with no detriment to the workers, regardless of whether this is directly related to their business. This is critical since empirical data shows that the Philippines is currently at a disadvantage already in terms of cost and flexibility of labor use compared to its peers in the region.

The Supreme Court of the Philippines, on several occasions, has ruled that while the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare, such constitutional policy is not intended to oppress or destroy capital and management, and a healthy balance between the conflicting interests of labor and management must be observed. I believe the sweeping expansion of the definition of labor-only contracting destroys the delicate balance and will place capital and management at an impossibly difficult predicament with adverse consequences to the Filipino workers in the long term.

In view of these considerations, I am constrained to veto the above mentioned Enrolled Bill.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Copy furnished:

Sen. Vicente C. Sotto III  
Senate President  
The Philippine Senate  
Pasay CitySec. Adelino B. Sitoy  
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Presidential Legislative Liaison Office  
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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated July 31, 2018 of Joseph B. Anacay, Regional Director, Commission on Audit (COA), Cordillera Administrative Region, La Trinidad, Benguet, furnishing the House of Representatives with 2017 Annual Audit Report of the Baguio Water District, Baguio City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 31 May 2019 of Sarah Lou Y. Arriola, Undersecretary, Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting to the House of Representatives the Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals for the period July to December 2018 (in digital format).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Letter dated June 4, 2019 of Police Brigadier General Gilberto DC. Cruz, Regional Director, National Police Commission, Philippine National Police (PNP), Police Regional Office 13, furnishing the House of Representatives with Detailed Accomplishments in the Utilization of Confidential and Counter-Intelligence Funds for the months of January-June 2019 of Police Regional Office 13 (CARAGA).  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 4 and 10 June 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1041 dated 29 May 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-040 dated 30 May 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated June 13, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, providing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2017 and/or 2018 Annual Audit Reports/Management Letters of the following agencies:

- A. CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports:
1. AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System;
  2. Alabang-Sto. Tomas Development, Inc.;
  3. APO Production Unit, Inc.;
  4. Batangas Land Company, Inc.;
  5. Central Bank Board of Liquidators;
  6. Credit Information Corporation;
  7. DBP Data Center, Inc.;
  8. DBP Leasing Corporation;
  9. DBP Management Corporation;
  10. Employees' Compensation Commission;
  11. First Cavite Industrial Estate, Inc.;
  12. GY Real Estate, Inc.;
  13. Inter-Island Gas Service, Inc.;
  14. Kamayan Realty Corporation;
  15. Landbank Countryside Development Foundation, Inc.;
  16. Lung Center of the Philippines;
  17. Manila Gas Corporation;
  18. Masaganang Sakahan, Inc.;
  19. National Agribusiness Corporation (NABCOR);
  20. National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation;
  21. National Kidney and Transplant Institute;
  22. NDC-Philippine Infrastructure Corporation;
  23. NIA Consult, Inc. (NIACI);
  24. Northeastern Luzon Pacific Coastal Service Inc.;

25. Palacio Del Gobernador Condominium Corporation;
26. Philippine Agricultural Development and Commercial Corporation (PADCC);
27. Philippine Center for Economic Development;
28. Philippine Children's Medical Center;
29. Philippine Forest Corporation (PFC);
30. Philippine Heart Center;
31. Philippine Institute for Development Studies;
32. Philippine International Convention Center, Inc.;
33. Philippine International Trading Corporation;
34. Philippine Pharma Procurement, Inc.;
35. Pinangkaisa Realty Corporation;
36. PNOC Alternative Fuels Corporation;
37. PNOC Development and Management Corporation;
38. PNOC Shipping and Transport Corporation;
39. Social Housing Finance Corporation;
40. Southern Utility Management and Services, Inc.; and
41. ZNAC Rubber Estate Corporation (ZREC).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 13 and 19 June 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-041 dated 4 June 2019;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-042 dated 4 June 2019; and
3. Memorandum No. M-2019-016 dated 11 June 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated June 14, 2019 of Atty. Usmin P. Diamel, Director IV, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. XIII, Butuan City, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of the CY 2017 and/or 2018 Annual Audit Reports of the following Water Districts (WDs):

1. Bislig City Water District, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur;
2. Bunawan Water District, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur;
3. Carmen Water District, Carmen, Surigao del Sur;
4. Lianga Water District, Lianga, Surigao del Sur;
5. Nasipit Water District, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte;

6. Placer Water District, Placer, Surigao del Norte;
7. San Francisco Water District, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur;
8. San Jose (Dinagat Islands) Water District, San Jose, Province of Dinagat Islands;
9. Sibagat Water District, Sibagat, Agusan del Sur;
10. Socorro Water District, Socorro, Surigao del Norte;
11. Surigao Metropolitan Water District, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte;
12. Tagbina Water District, Tagbina, Surigao del Sur; and
13. Tandag City Water District, Tandag, Surigao del Sur.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 17, 2019 of Maria Eloisa A. Cajeles, State Auditor II, OIC-Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit (COA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Olongapo City, furnishing the House of Representatives with the Annual Audit Report (AAR) for FY 2018 of Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA).  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 20, 2019 of Bona Fe De Vera-Parayno, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Mangaldan, Province of Pangasinan, submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation Annex I for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 on the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) – Program FY 2018.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 21, 2019 of Jesus Clint O. Aranas, President and General Manager, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Financial Center, Pasay City, Metro Manila 1308, submitting to the House of Representatives GSIS Investment Portfolio as of December 31, 2018.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Letter dated June 21, 2019 of Janet B. Abuel, Officer-in-Charge, Department of Budget and Management, transmitting the consolidated Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (SAAODB) of the national government agencies for the quarter ending March 31, 2019.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 24, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, providing the

House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports/Management Letters of the following agencies:

1. Department of the Interior and Local Government;
2. National Police Commission;
3. Bureau of Fire Protection;
4. Local Government Academy;
5. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology;
6. Philippine Public Safety College;
7. Philippine National Police;
8. Department of National Defense;
9. National Defense College of the Philippines;
10. Office of the Civil Defense;
11. Veterans Memorial Medical Center;
12. Philippine Veterans Affairs Office;
13. General Headquarters Armed Forces of the Philippines;
14. Armed Forces of the Philippines Commissary and Exchange Service;
15. Philippine Army;
16. Philippine Air Force;
17. Philippine Navy;
18. Department of Justice;
19. Bureau of Immigration;
20. National Bureau of Investigation;
21. Bureau of Corrections;
22. Parole and Probation Administration;
23. Land Registration Authority;
24. Public Attorney's Office;
25. Office of the Solicitor General;
26. Office of the Government Corporate Counsel; and
27. Presidential Commission on Good Government.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 25, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, providing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports of the following agencies:

1. Cooperative Development Authority;
2. Department of Foreign Affairs;
3. Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process; and
4. Philippine Sports Commission.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 27, 2019 of Bona Fe De Vera-Parayno, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Mangaldan, Province of Pangasinan, submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation Annex I for the quarter ended June 27, 2019 on the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) – Program FY 2018.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 28, 2019 of Dominador M. Chiong, Jr., MD, FPCS, FACS, Director, Veterans Memorial Medical Center, furnishing the House of Representatives with a copy of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center's Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) on the Annual Audit Report (AAR) for FY 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 2 July 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-043 dated 19 June 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-044 dated 21 June 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated July 3, 2019 of Atty. Eden T. Rafanan, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Cordillera Administrative Region, La Trinidad, Benguet, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the Biennial Audit Reports and Annual Audit Reports of the following Water Districts and Other Stand-Alone Agencies:

A. 2017 and 2018 Biennial Audit Reports:

1. Banaue Water District, Banaue, Ifugao;
2. Bucay Water District, Bucay, Abra;
3. Dolores Water District, Dolores, Abra;
4. Ifugao Water District, Lagawe, Ifugao;
5. Lagangilang Water District, Lagangilang, Abra;
6. Metro Bangued Water District, Bangued, Abra; and
7. San Juan Water District, San Juan, Abra.

B. Annual Audit Reports:

1. Baguio Water District, Baguio City;
2. La Trinidad Water District, La Trinidad, Benguet; and
3. John Hay Management Corporation, Baguio City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 3, 2019 of Ma. Sheila A. Ramos, State Auditor IV, OIC – Supervising Auditor, Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. VI, Ungka I, Pavia, Iloilo, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the Annual Audit Reports (AARs) for the year ended December 31, 2018 on the following State Universities and Colleges:

1. Aklan State University, Banga, Aklan;
2. University of Antique;
3. Capiz State University;

4. West Visayas State University & Medical Center;
5. Iloilo Science and Technology University;
6. Guimaras State College;
7. Iloilo State College of Fisheries; and
8. Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 9 July 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, providing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports of the following government agencies:

1. Bureau of Broadcast Services;
2. Bureau of Communications Services;
3. Commission on Filipinos Overseas;
4. Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board;
5. National Archives of the Philippines;
6. National Commission on Indigenous People;
7. National Commission on Muslim Filipinos;
8. National Intelligence Coordinating Agency;
9. National Printing Office;
10. News and Information Bureau;
11. Office of the President of the Philippines;
12. Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency;
13. Philippine Information Agency;
14. Presidential Broadcast Staff-RTVM;
15. Presidential Communications Operations Office;
16. Presidential Management Staff; and
17. Movie and Television Review and Classification Board.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 8, 2019 of Cecilia C. Borromeo, President and CEO, Landbank of the Philippines, Landbank Plaza, Malate, Manila, submitting to the House of Representatives their report on the Utilization of Funds for the Unconditional Cash Transfer Program (2<sup>nd</sup> qtr-CY 2019).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 8 July 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-045 dated 27 June 2019;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-046 dated 1 July 2019;
3. Memorandum No. M-2019-017 dated 28 June 2019;
4. Memorandum No. M-2019-018 dated 2 July 2019; and
5. Memorandum No. M-2019-019 dated 2 July 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated July 11, 2019 of Ma. Corazon S. Gomez, Regional Director, Regional Office No. IV-B, Commission on Audit, submitting to the House of Representatives the 2018 Annual Audit Reports (AARs) for the following National Government Sector (NGS) – State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and other NGS Stand-Alone Agencies (SAAs) and Corporate Government Sector (CGS) Water Districts (WDs) and other CGS Stand-alone Agencies (SAAs) of COA Region IV-B (MIMAROPA):

A. State Universities and Colleges and Other Stand-alone Agencies:

- a. Marinduque State College, Boac, Marinduque;
- b. Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff, Puerto Princesa City;
- c. Romblon State University, Odiongan, Romblon;
- e. Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa City;
- f. Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology;
- g. Occidental Mindoro State College; and
- h. Western Philippines University, Aborlan, Palawan.

B. Water Districts:

1. Naujan Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro;
2. Pinamalayan Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro;
3. Pola Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro;
4. Sablayan Water District, Province of Occidental Mindoro;
5. San Jose Water District, Province of Occidental Mindoro;
6. Culion Palawan Water District, Province of Palawan;
7. Puerto Princesa City Water District, Province of Palawan;
8. Roxas Palawan Water District, Province of Palawan;
9. Taytay Palawan Water District, Province of Palawan;
10. Odiongan Water District, Odiongan, Romblon; and
11. Romblon Water District, Romblon, Romblon.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 12 July 2019 of Marissa M. Reyes, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-047 dated 8 July 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-048 dated 9 July 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 23 July 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-049 dated 15 July 2019;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-050 dated 16 July 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-051 dated 16 July 2019;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-052 dated 16 July 2019; and
5. Memorandum No. M-2019-020 dated 19 July 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following Water Districts (WDs):

1. San Rafael Water District, San Rafael, Bulacan;
2. Plaridel Water District, Plaridel, Bulacan;
3. Bocaue Water District, Bocaue, Bulacan;
4. Orani Water District, Orani, Bataan;
5. City of Malolos Water District, City of Malolos, Bulacan;
6. San Jose Del Monte City Water District, City of San Jose del Monte;
7. Floridablanca Water District, Floridablanca, Pampanga;
8. Meycauayan Water District, Meycauayan, Bulacan;
9. Santa Maria Water District, Santa Maria, Bulacan;
10. Mabalacat City Water District, Mabalacat City, Pampanga;
11. Guagua Water District, Guagua, Pampanga;
12. Mariveles Water District, Mariveles, Bataan;
13. Calumpit Water District, Calumpit, Bulacan;
14. Norzagaray Water District, Norzagaray, Bulacan;
15. Lubao Water District, Lubao, Pampanga;
16. City of San Fernando Water District, City of San Fernando, Pampanga;
17. Bulacan Water District, Bulakan, Bulacan;
18. Dinalupihan Water District, Dinalupihan, Bataan;
19. Hagonoy Water District, Hagonoy, Bulacan;
20. Santa Rosa (NE) Water District, Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija;



21. Concepcion Water District, Concepcion, Tarlac;
  22. Balanga Water District, City of Balanga, Bataan;
  23. Marilao Water District, Marilao, Bulacan;
  24. Angeles City Water District, Angeles City, Pampanga;
  25. Baliwag Water District, Baliwag, Bulacan;
  26. Subic Water District, Subic, Zambales;
  27. Cabanatuan City Water District, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija;
  28. Tarlac City Water District, Tarlac City, Tarlac; and
  29. Bustos Water District, Bustos, Bulacan.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2018 Annual Audit Reports on twenty-six (26) Water Agencies:

1. Batac Water District, Batac City, Ilocos Norte;
  2. Bangui Water District, Bangui, Ilocos Norte;
  3. Dingras Water District, Dingras, Ilocos Norte;
  4. Nueva Era Water District, Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte;
  5. San Nicolas Water District, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte;
  6. Ilocos Norte Water District, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte;
  7. Pagudpud Water District, Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte;
  8. Sarrat Water District, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte;
  9. Metro Vigan Water District, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur;
  10. Magsingal Water District, Magsingal, Ilocos Sur;
  11. Sinait Water District, Sinait, Ilocos Sur;
  12. Tagudin Water District, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur;
  13. Santa Water District, Santa, Ilocos Sur;
  14. Narvacan Water District, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur;
  15. Candon City Water District, Candon City, Ilocos Sur;
  16. Sta. Lucia Water District, Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur;
  17. Metro San Fernando Water District, City of San Fernando, La Union;
  18. Naguilian Water District, Naguilian, La Union;
  19. Balaoan Water District, Balaoan, La Union;
  20. Rosario Water District, Rosario, La Union;
  21. Poro Point Management Corporation, City of San Fernando, La Union;
  22. Bani Water District, Bani, Pangasinan;
  23. Binmaley Water District, Binmaley, Pangasinan;
  24. San Carlos City Water District, San Carlos City, Pangasinan;
  25. Alaminos City Water District, Alaminos City, Pangasinan; and
  26. Basista Water District, Basista, Pangasinan.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following Water Districts:

1. Bayambang Water District, Bayambang, Pangasinan;
2. Bugallon Water District, Bugallon, Pangasinan;
3. Dagupan City Water District, Dagupan City;

4. Lingayen Water District, Lingayen, Pangasinan;
5. Urbiztondo Water District, Urbiztondo, Pangasinan;
6. Dasol Water District, Dasol, Pangasinan;
7. Sto. Tomas Water District, Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan;
8. Manaog Water District, Manaog, Pangasinan;
9. Mangaldan Water District, Mangaldan, Pangasinan;
10. Mapandan Water District, Mapandan, Pangasinan;
11. San Manuel Water District, San Manuel, Pangasinan;
12. Pozorrubio Water District, Pozorrubio, Pangasinan;
13. Asingan Water District, Asingan, Pangasinan;
14. Binalonan Water District, Binalonan, Pangasinan;
15. Balungao Water District, Balungao, Pangasinan;
16. San Nicolas Water District, San Nicolas, Pangasinan;
17. Umingan Water District, Umingan, Pangasinan;
18. Metro Tayug Water District, Tayug, Pangasinan;
19. Urduyeta City Water District, Urduyeta, Pangasinan;
20. Alcala Water District, Alcala, Pangasinan;
21. San Quintin Water District, San Quintin, Pangasinan;
22. Villasis Water District, Villasis, Pangasinan;
23. Rosales Water District, Rosales, Pangasinan; and
24. Santa Maria Water District, Sta. Maria, Pangasinan.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Legarda). That is all. Thank you very much.

The session is suspended.

*It was 4:23 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:23 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III presiding.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing, Representative of the First District of Nueva Ecija. They are the local government officials of the Municipality of Sto. Domingo, Nueva Ecija headed by the Mayor, Hon. Imee L. De Guzman;

Vice Mayor, Hon. Jhelyn D. Velasco; Sangguniang Bayan members: Hon. Junior L. Bugaoan, Hon. Arland Ryan P. Andres, Hon. Edgar S. De Leon Jr., Hon. Eduardo A. Juan, Hon. Wilfredo A. Maniego, Hon. Olivia S. Pascual, Hon. Emerson S. Matias and Hon. Ronnie S. Dela Cruz; Sangguniang Bayan Secretary, Hon. Cindy G. Flores; Municipal Accountant, Carl Lester Adordionisio; Ms. Jessah-Joy Pagurayan; Mr. Alan G. Arucan and Mr. Dadson Javier. They are the guests of the Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Welcome to the House of Representatives, the guests of honorable Congresswoman Suansing (E.).

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of our Majority Leader, Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez. They are the members of the TINGOG SINIRANGAN Party-List and the Barangay Chairman of Barangay 109-A Tacloban City, Hon. Rudy Padillo. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Likewise, the House of Representatives wishes to welcome the guests of the Majority Leader and Rep. Yedda Romualdez.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority, we move to nominate and elect the following Members to various Committees:

*The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 8, dated August 6, 2019.*

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

As Chairperson:

Rep. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr.

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Junie E. Cua

Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang

Rep. Franz “Chicoy” E. Alvarez

Rep. Marissa Andaya

As members:

Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

Rep. Wilfredo “Willy” S. Caminero

Rep. Adolph Edward G. Plaza

Rep. Julienne “Jam” Baronda  
Rep. Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug  
Rep. Diego C. Ty  
Rep. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso  
Rep. Elias C. Bulut Jr.  
Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao  
Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla  
Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo  
Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr.  
Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.  
Rep. Noel L. Villanueva  
Rep. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD

#### COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

As Chairperson:

Rep. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez

Rep. Naealla Rose Bainto-Aguinaldo

Rep. Jonathan Keith T. Flores

Rep. Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles

As members:

Rep. Cyrille “Beng” F. Abueg-Zaldivar

Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

Rep. Doy C. Leachon

Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla

Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas

Rep. Peter John D. Calderon

Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola

Rep. Manuel Luis “Manny” T. Lopez

Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon

Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato

Rep. Aleta C. Suarez

Rep. Hector S. Sanchez

#### COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

As Chairperson:

Rep. Eric M. Martinez

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles

Rep. Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao

Rep. Manuel Luis “Manny” T. Lopez

Rep. Jumel Anthony I. Espino

As members:

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu

Rep. Alfred Vargas

Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

Rep. Antonino G. Calixto

Rep. Carl Nicolas C. Cari

Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba  
 Rep. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor  
 Rep. Ian Paul L. Dy  
 Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco  
 Rep. Rommel Rico T. Angara  
 Rep. Jake Vincent Villa  
 Rep. Ed Christopher S. Go  
 Rep. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V  
 Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron  
 Rep. Ian Paul L. Dy

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE  
 AND SECURITY

As Chairperson:  
 Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas

As Vice Chairpersons:  
 Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon  
 Rep. Antonino G. Calixto  
 Rep. Jorge Antonio P. Bustos  
 Rep. Esmael G. Mangudadatu

As members:  
 Rep. Sharee Ann Tee Tan  
 Rep. Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA  
 Rep. Jonathan Keith T. Flores  
 Rep. Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy  
 Rep. Samier A. Tan  
 Rep. Arnie B. Fuentebella  
 Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado  
 Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr.  
 Rep. Michael John R. Duavit  
 Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco  
 Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe  
 Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.  
 Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola  
 Rep. Gil "Kabarangay Jr." A. Acosta

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

As Vice Chairperson:  
 Rep. Domingo C. Rivera

As members:  
 Rep. Vincent Franco D. Frasco  
 Rep. Julianne "Jam" Baronda  
 Rep. Juliet Marie De Leon Ferrer  
 Rep. Marisol C. Panotes  
 Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr.  
 Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado  
 Rep. Ian Paul L. Dy  
 Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria  
 Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo  
 Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian  
 Rep. Cesar "Jawo" L. Jimenez Jr.

Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez  
 Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing  
 Rep. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor  
 Rep. Camille A. Villar  
 Rep. Sol Aragon

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

As Vice Chairpersons:  
 Rep. Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo  
 Rep. Michael T. Defensor

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

As Vice Chairpersons:  
 Rep. Claudine Diana D. Bautista  
 Rep. Sandro L. Gonzalez  
 Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND  
 FISHERIES RESOURCES

As Chairperson:  
 Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva

As Vice Chairpersons:  
 Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr.  
 Rep. Diego C. Ty  
 Rep. Janice Z. Salimbanon

As members:  
 Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo  
 Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr.  
 Rep. Esmael G. Mangudadatu  
 Rep. Samier A. Tan  
 Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco  
 Rep. Gil "Kabarangay Jr." A. Acosta  
 Rep. Jake Vincent Villa  
 Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.  
 Rep. Ma. Bernardita "Ditas" Ramos  
 Rep. Michael John R. Duavit

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The following names that were read are hereby elected as members of the said Committees.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, first of our colleagues to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Sixth District of Quezon City. I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Gentleman from the Sixth District of Quezon City is hereby recognized.

REP. BELMONTE. Thank you very much, Majority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). You have 10 minutes.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BELMONTE

REP. BONDOC. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of the House, magandang hapon po sa ating lahat. I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege as a Member of this House and a member of our duly constituted House Minority.

Mr. Speaker, this privilege speech reflects the robust composition of the House Minority bloc. The Minority Leader ran under ASENSO MANILEÑO, while there are Members who come from the Liberal Party, the NP, the PDP-Laban, and there are members from the Party-List Coalition, and from the Makabayan bloc. We can reasonably expect our members to have differing priorities because of this healthy mix of interests. However, regardless of our differing priorities, malinaw ang ating papel sa Kamarang ito and it is one that we have in common with every Member of Congress—to find ways to make our peoples' lives better.

Idiiniin ko rin, Mr. Speaker, when we fiscalize, when we object, and even when we vote “No,” hindi po kami bumoboto ng “No” para manggulo. Too often, our people see us fight among ourselves according to the dictates of politics and expediency pero sa totoo lang, mas maraming nagbibigkis sa atin bilang Pilipino kaysa nagwawatak. Our commonality is not only as Congress persons but more importantly, as Filipinos and this binds us much more powerfully than our affiliations can ever divide us. It is time that we focus on this commonality. Naniniwala pa rin ako na sa kabila ng mga kulay ng ating tsaleko tuwing kampanya, pag-upo natin dito at pagsampa natin sa rostrum na ito, ang pangunahin nating tungkulin ay tugunan ang pangangailangan ng ating mga nasasakupan.

Our goal is not to follow this or that marching order because there is no marching order higher than that of the Filipino peoples. Our goal is not to fight amongst each other so that one may get a better piece of the pie from the powers-that-be. Our goal is not to be the best sycophant to those who hold our purse strings. Ang tungkulin natin ay sa mga tao. Our goal, Mr. Speaker, is to work together so that we can craft the best laws possible so that our people can take the longest, most meaningful stride towards empowerment, and the Congresses before us, despite their affiliations and differences, were able to band together in pursuit of this goal.

Alalahanin natin, Mr. Speaker, sa mga bulwagan din ng Kongreso ng Pilipinas pinanday ang Responsible Parenthood Act. Sa mga bulwagan din natin ipinasa ang Sin Tax Reform, ang Cheaper Medicines Act, at ang Clean Air Act. Sa mga bulwagan din natin pinagdebatehan at isinulong ang dignidad at kalayaan ng Pilipinas nang patalsikin ang US bases noong dekada '90. We carry that legacy, and it is our duty to rise above petty squabbling, to rise higher than the usual politics that dominate our days, and to craft laws that define the very spirit of what it means to be a Filipino during the time of this Eighteenth Congress.

It is best and at its best, this Congress can craft laws that are made from the stuff of dreams, and it is our duty right now to forge laws that allow our people to dream again. Bitbit tayo ng mga pangarap na iyon, Mr. Speaker. I am sure that there are already ideas in our heads and there are, perhaps, drafts already written somewhere or languishing in some desks, that speak of these dreams. Nandiyan ang mga batas ukol sa mas maaayos na mga classroom at pasahod sa mga teacher. Nandiyan ang mga batas na sisigurong kayang makipagsabayan ng mga graduate na Pinoy sa kahit na sino sa buong mundo, mga batas na magbubukas ng mga bago at malikhaing trabaho at industriya sa Pilipinas. Nandiyan ang mga batas tungkol sa sahod ng barangay health care workers, mga klinik sa komunidad at mga ospital na sisigurong walang Pilipinong mamamatay sa sakit na puwedeng maiwasan. Nandiyan ang mga batas na nagbibigay ng katiyakan sa paninirahan, at nandiyan din ang mga batas na talagang mag-aangat at magbibigay lakas sa mamamayan. These should be our real marching orders, and while we can all speak as loudly as we can to try and drown out each other's voices when speaking about the state of the nation today, I am certain that there should be no debate about what we want the state of the nation tomorrow to be. May we be up to the task.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, ang mga paniniwala sa pag-angat ng ating kalagayan sa buhay ay bahagi ng aming mga batayang prinsipyo sa Liberal Party. Ayaw man nating aminin, batayang prinsipyo rin ito ng marami sa ating mga Pilipino. We believe in freedom,

in individual agency, in the dignity of the individual in his or her rights. We would like to believe that, by and large as Filipinos, these values hold true for all of us.

Let me point out now, Mr. Speaker, that someone who dissents is attacked for dissenting, hindi lang sila ang inaatake. Ang inaatake ay ang mga values natin. Sa madaling sabi, lahat tayo inaatake, lahat tayo apektado.

Ilang araw bago nagbukas ang unang session ng ating Kongreso, nasaksihan natin ang pambu-bully sa mga naglalakas-loob na pumuna sa kasalukuyang sitwasyon ng ating bansa. Binantaan ng impeachment ang ating bise presidente at kasama ang ilang pari at bishop ng simbahan, ilang mga senador, mga kandidato ng oposisyon at mga abogado ay sinampahan ng kung anu-anong kaso ng sedisyon at iba pang charges batay sa mga gawa-gawang kuwento na inimbento ng isang estapador. Ang kasalanan nila ay magsalita.

Mga kasama, last time I checked, hindi bawal ang magsalita. Last time I checked, kasama sa tungkulin ng bawat mamamayan, lalo na tayong mga naglilingkod at mga Kinatawan nila dito sa Kongreso, na igiit ang tingin nating tama na makipagdebate sa isa't isa o sa gobyerno para maging mas makabuluhan ang mga desisyon ng ating pamahalaan. Last time I checked, ang katotohanan ay katotohanan pa rin at hindi inciting to sedition. Sedition ba when we call out false narratives that build fear and anxiety and provide a pretext for immunity? Sedition ba when we call out false hopes that pay lip service to lower prices, better roads, buildings and bridges, or a better economy even when more than 20 percent of our people still live below the poverty line, and half of our nation still consider themselves poor? Sedition ba when we call out false priorities that put death sentences over life-giving aid? Sedition ba when we call out false logic that presents us with false choices that tell us there is either war or subservience and nothing in between? Sedition ba when we say “no to murder” as a state policy? If indeed a drug war is necessary, then let us wage war with better health care policies because drug use is a health care issue. Mr. Speaker, let us wage war using the law, with better intelligence and strategies against drug lords. Let us put drug lords in jail and not in the grave, and not use it as a pretext to strike fear, to kill or to put the political opposition behind bars.

Sedition ba when we object to the death penalty? No. We are fools to believe that capital punishment is only yet to come, and we are twice the fools to believe that death will balance the scales of justice. Sedition ba when we object to criminalizing children? No. Policies concerning the age of discernment should not be hardened by an age of tyrants. Sedition ba when we say “no” to being sold to China? We say “no” to a situation where our fisherfolk left to die in our own waters are called liars by their own leaders, “no” to our laborers being displaced by foreigners, our soldiers

demoralized, our people treated as second class citizens within our own shores and waters.

Naibenta na tayo. Ang sabi nga po ng isang security expert ay hindi na ito enemy at the gates kasi nandiyan na sila sa kusina at kinakain na ang hapunan natin. Sedition ba when we say no to this? Iyan ang mga alam kong sinasabi ni VP Leni at ng mga kapwa niyang akusado. Hindi po sedisyon iyan. Bikoy’s allegations against VP Leni are fictitious. This act was initiated by a few misguided psychopaths who would rather destabilize the Republic and push their own personal agenda, rather than work to uplift the lives of the Filipino people. I am sure that after due and impartial process, the investigation will bear this out.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat po, dear colleagues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. Mr. Speaker, for his interpellation, may we please recognize the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The veteran legislator from the province of Albay is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the distinguished Gentleman from Quezon City yield to some questions?

REP. BELMONTE. I would be more than happy to be educated by the illustrious Edcel Lagman, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, you spoke on the charges against the 38 respondents, including Vice President Robredo, for sedition, inciting to sedition, libel, cyber libel, harboring a criminal and obstruction of justice, among others. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker

REP. LAGMAN. Now, in this charge, let me go to a minor offense—it is harboring a criminal. Who is this criminal being harbored by the respondents, more particularly, the Vice President, the clergy, the members of the opposition and the candidates of Otso Diretso?

REP. BELMONTE. As I understand, Mr. Speaker, from the news reports and the charges presented, it is one person known as “Bikoy” to the public.

REP. LAGMAN. And “Bikoy” is Peter Joel...

REP. BELMONTE. Peter Joemel Advincula.

REP. LAGMAN. ...Advincula.

REP. BELMONTE. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In fact, he is one of the respondents.

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Number one in the list.

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. But he is also named as a witness. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Okay. He is also considered a criminal because by his own admission, he was formally detained at the New Bilibid Prison. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In other words, distinguished Gentleman, he is considered as an ex-convict. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That would be a way of putting it. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, I would assume that the distinguished Gentleman from Quezon City has read the undated and possibly unverified complaint of this NCR-CIDG.

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct. And after reading this undated and possibly unverified complaint, did you see any allegation, more particularly against the Vice President and the candidates of the Otso Diretso, which would allege overt acts or implied acts constituting the offenses being charged?

REP. BELMONTE. None that stands out clearly, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, I would also assume that the distinguished Gentleman has read the Sinumpaang Salaysay of Peter Joemel Advincula alias "Bikoy" dated 29 May 2019.

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker. I even have a copy in my hands right now.

REP. LAGMAN. I would also assume that the distinguished Gentleman from Quezon City has read this Sinumpaang Salaysay of Peter Joemel Advincula alias "Bikoy" dated July 17, 2019.

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In your reading of these two Sinumpaang Salaysay, did you find any allegation of overt acts or implied acts constituting the offenses being charged against the Vice President, the political opposition, particularly the Otso Diretso candidates?

REP. BELMONTE. Not to my limited knowledge of the law. The facts averred to in the affidavit do not reflect any of the charges as written, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, just to substantiate the statements of the distinguished Gentleman from Quezon City, let me just go through the elements of sedition.

REP. BELMONTE. Yes, please, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In the Revised Penal Code annotated by Luis B. Reyes, the following are the elements of sedition:

1. That the offenders rise publicly and tumultuously;
2. That they employ force, intimidation and other means outside of legal methods;
3. That the offenders employ any of those means to attain any of the following objects:
  - a. To prevent the promulgation or execution of any law or the holding of any popular elections;
  - b. To prevent the national government or any provincial or municipal government or any public officer thereof from freely exercising its or his functions, or prevent the execution of any administrative order;
  - c. To inflict any act of hate or revenge upon the person or property of any public officer or employee;
  - d. To commit, for any political or social end, any act of hate or revenge against private persons or any social class; and
  - e. To despoil, for any political or social end, any person, municipality or province, or the national government of all its properties or any party thereof.

REP. BELMONTE. That, too, is my recollection of Article 139 of the Revised Penal Code, Mr. Speaker, the article on sedition.

REP. LAGMAN. In your reading of the undated and possibly unverified complaint, as well as the two Sinumpaang Salaysay of Bikoy, did you find any of these inculpatory elements of sedition?

REP. BELMONTE. Not even one, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Let me just underscore that, with respect to sedition, a mandatory element is public uprising. If there is no public uprising, there is no sedition. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is likewise my understanding of the law, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In *US vs. Apurado, et. al.* 7 Phil. 422, the Supreme Court held, "There was no sedition because there was no public and tumultuous uprising." Do you recall that particular vintage case of *US vs. Apurado, et. al.*?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker, and likewise, articulated in the later case of *Chavez vs. Gonzales*.

REP. LAGMAN. So, the very principal and cardinal element of sedition, which is public and tumultuous uprising, is absent in this case because there is no allegation whatsoever in the complaint, as well as in the Sinumpaang Salaysay of Bikoy. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Then, if there is no object of sedition, there is no sedition.

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. The objects of sedition were not alleged in the complaint?

REP. BELMONTE. Not at all, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. And none in the two Sinumpaang Salaysay of Bikoy, is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. BELMONTE. That too is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, with respect to inciting to sedition, all of the elements of sedition must be present except that the offender does not take direct part in the crime of sedition. If there is no sedition, or the elements of sedition are wanting, then there can be no inciting to sedition. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Let me just go to the Sinumpaang Salaysay of Bikoy, and I am referring to the Sinumpaang Salaysay dated 29 May 2019. May I know whether the distinguished Gentleman has a copy of this Sinumpaang Salaysay?

REP. BELMONTE. I think this copy is dated July 17, 2019, if you have that.

REP. LAGMAN. No, it is an earlier Sinumpaang Salaysay dated 29 May 2019.

REP. BELMONTE. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I will then have to rely on the distinguished Gentleman's copy.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes.

REP. BELMONTE. Unfortunately, I do not have that copy.

REP. LAGMAN. The only mention of the Vice President in the Sinumpaang Salaysay is found on page 16, Tanong at Sagot Blg. 74. In this statement, nothing whatsoever is alleged that the Vice President committed any of the elements of the charges made against her, including the members of the Otso Diretso senatorial candidates of the Liberal Party.

REP. BELMONTE. That is my recollection of that Sinumpaang Salaysay, likewise, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. And there is some sort of annotation to this Tanong at Sagot Blg. 74, it is number three which reads: Individual photographs of all respondents are attached and marked as "Annex B-series." But we all know, distinguished Gentleman, that anyone can just attach individual photos, ...

REP. BELMONTE. Photographs.

REP. LAGMAN. ... Group photos which show the participation in a meeting of any of the respondents, more particularly the Vice President and the members of the Otso Diretso senatorial candidates of the Liberal Party. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, let me go to the Sinumpaang Salaysay dated July 17, 2019, which I understand the distinguished Gentleman has a copy.

REP. BELMONTE. I have a copy.

REP. LAGMAN. May I refer him to the Tanong at Sagot Blg. 19, it is in pahina siyete of this Sinumpaang Salaysay. Has the distinguished Gentleman found the particular page?

REP. BELMONTE. Is this the one that refers to “Ano ang nilalaman ng episode 4?,” Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. No. Tanong 19 is “Ano pa ang sumusunod na nangyari?” and Sagot starts with “Pebrero 27 hanggang 28, 2019.”

REP. BELMONTE. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, apparently, we have different copies of the same affidavit. It is a different number.

REP. LAGMAN. In this Sinumpaang Salaysay ...

REP. BELMONTE. In my copy, page 17, Tanong at Sagot Blg. 80 ...

REP. LAGMAN. Number 19.

REP. BELMONTE. ... “Ano ang mga sumusunod nang ...

REP. LAGMAN. Number 19, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BELMONTE. Please go ahead, Mr. Speaker, we will use your version.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, and I quote, here it says, “Si VP Leni Robredo ay nanatili sa lugar ng humigit-kumulang sampung minuto.” So, in other words, the Vice President made a cameo appearance and for that, she is being ensnared into the commission of the crimes you had just enumerated. In the honest opinion of the distinguished Gentleman from Quezon City, will this hold water before a fair and just investigation or trial?

REP. BELMONTE. It should not, Mr. Speaker. In my long years of practice, it should not.

REP. LAGMAN. Again, in this particular statement where the name of the Vice President appeared, nothing is mentioned that she has committed any of the inculpatory elements of sedition, inciting to sedition, libel, several libel or obstruction of justice.

REP. BELMONTE. Not one of them.

REP. LAGMAN. Not one whatsoever?

REP. BELMONTE. Not one of them, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, I think, based on these

sworn statements of an admitted ex-convict, the cases against the Vice President, the members of the political opposition as well as Otso Diretso should be jettisoned immediately by the Department of Justice. Would you agree with that statement?

REP. BELMONTE. That, likewise, is my opinion on the matter, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. I beg your pardon, Your Honor.

REP. BELMONTE. That, likewise, is my opinion on the matter, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, that would really end my interpellation. I have other questions to ask but most probably, I will be eliciting the same answers. But before I sit down, Your Honor, the distinguished Gentleman premised his privilege speech in a way justifying his being with the Minority. Of course, we all know that the present Minority is no different from the previous Minority; it was co-opted or even selected by the Majority.

Just to point out, Your Honor, the distinguished Minority Leader Benny Abante delivered his contra SONA. Did he take up the cudgels for the issues and charges against the Vice President as an indelible brand of the prevailing injustice in this present administration the way the distinguished Gentleman has taken up this subject?

REP. BELMONTE. I understand and respect the point of the distinguished Gentleman and we have agreed to disagree on that opinion. Of course, we have members of the Minority and the Majority and all of us, the individual Members of this Congress, have our own views and opinions on the matter.

We, as the House Minority, have also agreed on certain issues where we will all come together, and there are also issues where we could not come together to form our opinion as a bloc. Nonetheless, we have all agreed to be effective fiscalizers and consider all the bills that we will pass through this House. As to our opinions on matters of personal and national interest, each and every one of us, even within our own party and association, have our views and opinions, as the Gentleman very well know, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, I appreciate the mission of the distinguished Gentleman but to my mind, to be an effective fiscalizer, one should not be co-opted by the Majority, one should not be beholden to the Majority. Would the distinguished Gentleman recall that this Representation made his contra SONA?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.



REP. LAGMAN. In the contra SONA of this Representation, he was critical of the prevailing injustice in this country and the first thing he cited was this case, the malevolent and baseless accusation against Vice President Leni Robredo, et al. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. This Representation agrees on that, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. The distinguished Gentleman would also recall that as part of the indictment on the kind of justice system, this Representation also brought up the continuing incarceration of Senator Leila De Lima whose only offense was really to fight back against the President and be critical of the President's violent campaign against drugs. Is that correct?

REP. BELMONTE. That is correct, Mr. Speaker, a position also taken up by this Representation in previous discussions during public occasions Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Finally, would you recall that the members of the Makabayan bloc, who are also with the Minority headed by the distinguished Benny Abante, delivered their respective speeches in the nature of a contra SONA because the topics of their speeches were never mentioned by the Minority Leader in his contra SONA. Would you recall that?

REP. BELMONTE. That, too, is correct, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to mention, however, that I applauded the speech, the contra SONA of the Hon. Edcel Lagman and that I likewise noticed certain positions that I would also have preferred to be more emphasized. But that does not mean that it was the intention of the honorable Gentleman not to include them in his contra SONA. They could have just been lesser in priority among the other concerns that were involved.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you so much for applauding my contra SONA, and thank you again for accommodating the interpellation of this Representation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTELO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. I move that we recognize the honorable Representative from the ANAKALUSUGAN Party-List, the Hon. Michael T. Defensor, to interpellate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Gentleman from the ANAKALUSUGAN Party-List is hereby recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mme. Majority Leader. Will the good Gentleman from Quezon City yield to some questions, Mr. Speaker?

REP. BELMONTE. It would be an honor to accept questions from my brod, the Hon. Mike Defensor, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the outset, Mr. Speaker, let me congratulate and commend the speech of the Gentleman from Quezon City as regards the sedition case filed against the Opposition mainly, I think, referring to Vice President Leni Robredo. I just like to clarify, Mr. Speaker, because based on the speech of the Gentleman, it would seem that there is an institutional attack against the opposition as stated by him since there is a sedition case filed against the opposition. I would like to clarify, Mr. Speaker, because from what I understand, it is only the Philippine National Police which has filed the case and the DOJ has yet to make an investigation and file the necessary charges against the supposed individuals mentioned, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BELMONTE. The Honorable Defensor (M.) is correct, Mr. Speaker. The case was filed by the Philippine National Police and the investigation by the Department of Justice is yet to start, I think, within this week or next week. That is why it was very clear, Mr. Speaker, that in my privilege speech, I clearly stated that these charges were initiated, not by the Republic itself or not by our institution itself, but by a few sycophants who are more interested in pursuing their personal interests in destabilizing the Republic rather than pursuing the interests of the Filipino people.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Thank you for that, Mr. Speaker. I mentioned this because at the center of the investigation and the filing of charges is a distinguished Gentleman, the honorable Secretary Menardo Guevarra who, I believe and I hold in high regard, is a very fair and a very just Justice Secretary. I would think that under his leadership, a fair investigation will be conducted by the Department of Justice in particular and in general by this administration.

REP. BELMONTE. I would like to believe that likewise, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). I made mention of that because, Mr. Speaker, the honorable Secretary was the

head of the Legal Division under then President Noynoy Aquino and later served as the Senior Deputy Executive Secretary before being promoted as Secretary of Justice. So, if we feel or if there is an inclination that there will be foul play, or that the opposition will be the target of charges of sedition or any other charges to be filed against them, then it would be the honorable Secretary Guevarra who would be leading the investigation and in the filing of the cases.

REP. BELMONTE. My last sentence, Mr. Speaker, perhaps the honorable Gentleman missed it, says, "I am sure that after due and impartial process, this investigation will bear this out." So, there is no actual contradiction between the statements by the honorable Gentleman and those propounded by this Representation.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Yes, thank you for that, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Gentleman from Quezon City because I just wanted to point out the difference between the, as you pointed out, institutions involved and individuals who are also of fair mind and integrity within the administration and so, would treat the opposition fairly, given this case.

REP. BELMONTE. Mr. Speaker, that is the premise of the initial paragraphs and likewise the continuing agreement to disagree with the Hon. Edcel Lagman. This Representation would like to believe that, inside this administration and any previous administration, there are men with the right sound of mind and honor who would do justice to their jobs and to the Filipino people. I do agree with that, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Therefore, Mr. Speaker, upon the conclusion of the investigation and the filing of cases, do we agree with the Gentleman from Quezon City that under the leadership of Secretary Guevarra, whatever will be the findings, whether there will be the filing of a case or not, under his leadership, there would be a fair resolution of the case to be filed?

REP. BELMONTE. As much as humanly possible, the Secretary of Justice will do his best to render justice and we can agree on that, Mr. Speaker. As to the actual results in reality, well, we both live in the Philippines, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Well, again, Mr. Speaker, let me thank the Gentleman from Quezon City. Again, I commend him for his speech, as I have always said that the Gentleman from Quezon City, the Honorable Belmonte—I have always admired the Honorable Belmonte and I will support him for Mayor of Quezon City when the time comes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we refer the speech of Congressman Belmonte, together with the interpellations, to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). So be it.

The Majority Leader is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize from the Party-List BAYAN MUNA, Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Representative of BAYAN MUNA Party-List is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CULLAMAT

REP. CULLAMAT. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa kong Kinatawan, sa lahat ng mga nakikinig sa loob at labas ng Plenaryong ito, magandang gabi sa ating lahat.

Kamakailan lang ay tinanghal ang Pilipinas bilang pinakamapanganib na lugar sa buong mundo para sa mga tagapagtanggol ng kalikasan. Ayon sa taunang report hinggil sa pagpaslang sa mga maka-kalikasan na inilabas ng international NGO na Global Witness, nagtala ng pinakamaraming martir ng kalikasan noong 2018 ang Pilipinas na hindi kukulang sa 30 kaso ng pagpaslang kumpara sa 24 ng Colombia, 23 ng India, at 20 ng Brazil. Literal na kasing bigat ng bundok ang buhay na inaalay ng mga taga tanggol-kalikasan.

Naaalala ko nang imasaker ang aking pinsan na si Dionel Campos, ang aking tiyuhin na si Datu Juvello Sinzo, at ng aming Executive Director ng ALCADDEV Lumad School or Alternative Learning Center for Agricultural and Livelihood Development na si Sir Emerito Samarca noong 2015 ng mga paramilitar na Magahat-Bagani Force at ng 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion ng militar. Batid namin na nakakaharang ang aming mga komunidad at paaralan sa mga naglalakihang proyekto katulad ng coal mining. Nais nilang maghawan ng landas para sa pagpasok ng mga makinarya ng Benguet Corporation, Abacus Coal Exploration and Development Corp., Great Wall Mining and Power Corp., ASK Mining and Exploration Corp., at CoalBlack Mining Corp. sa 60,000-ektarya na Andap Valley Complex, ang lambak na kinalulugaran ng aming lupaing ninuno. Pinaslang si Dionel at si Datu Juvello at si Sir Emerito Samarca sa literal na agawin nila ang mga kabundukan mula sa aming lupaing ninuno.

Tampok ang Pilipinas sa ulat ng Global Witness na isa na namang masaker ang pagpatay sa mga manggagawang bukid na binansagang “Sagay 9” at ang karugtong na pagpatay ng kanilang abogado na si Atty. Benjamin Ramos sa isla ng Negros. Marahas na tinapos ang buhay ng siyam na kalalakihan, mga kababaihan at bata habang sila ay nagpapahinga sa kampuhan ng kanilang bungkalan. Bungkalan ito sa gitna ng dagat ng plantasyon ng tubo na inukit nila Rene Laurencio, Morena Mendoza, Marcelina Dumaguit, Angelife Arsenal, Eglicerio Villegas, Paterno Baron, Rannel Bantigue, Marchstel Sumicad, Joemarie Ogahayon at marami pang mga kasapi ng National Federation of Sugarcane Workers. Ang magutom dahil sa *tiempo muerto* ang tanging kasalanan nila. Mauuna pang dumating si Kamatayan kaysa sa pangakong ipapamahagi ang lupa sa Hacienda Nene sa kanila, kung kaya’t nagpasiya silang okupahin at bungkalin ang bahagdan nito tungo sa pagtanim ng organikong palay at gulay. Kapalit nito, Mr. Speaker, dinilig ng bala at dugo ang kanilang bungkalan.

Ayon sa Pambansang Alyansa ng Kalikasan, Mr. Speaker, tinatayang nasa 1.8 milyong ektarya ng bundok, gubat, bukirin, baybayin at karagatan ang suma total na ipinatatanggol ng 106 na martir ng maka-kalikasan sa ilalim ng administrasyon ni Presidente Rodrigo Duterte mula 2016 hanggang 2018. Tulad ng obserbasyon sa iba-ibang bansa ng Global Witness sa kanilang ulat, dumarami din ang kaso ng kriminalisasyon sa mga tagapagtanggol ng kalikasan sa Pilipinas. Sistematikong sinisiraan, binabantaan at tinatakot, nire-red tag, sinasampahan ng gawa-gawang kaso ang mga katutubo, magsasaka at iba pang maka-kalikasang aktibista upang maikawiran ang pagpatay sa kanila. Ganito ang naging karanasan nila sa Negros. Ganito ngayon ang hinaharap sa iba pang mga lugar kung saan iginigiit ng mga maka-kalikasan ang demokrasya sa kanilang lupain at kapaligiran. Mula sa 55 paaralan ng mga Lumad sa Davao na nagtuturo sa kanilang estudyante ng sustenableng agrikultura at proteksiyon ng kalikasan hanggang sa barikadang bayan ng mga mamamayang Novo Vizcayano laban sa iligal na operasyon ng OceanaGold Corporation, papatindi ang panggigipit ng mga malalaking dayuhang negosyo at ng estado mismo sa mga katutubo, magsasaka at mamamayang lumalaban.

Sa ganang ito, Mr. Speaker, nananawagan kami sa Kongreso na maglunsad ng imbestigasyon sa mga kaso ng pagpaslang ng mga tagapagtanggol ng kalikasan sa buong Pilipinas. Nananawagan kami na suriin at usigin ang mga malalaking minahan, plantasyon, dam, imprastruktura at iba pang mga ekstraktibo at mapanirang mga proyekto na may track record ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao ng mga komunidad na apektado ng kanilang operasyon. Nananawagan kami na himukin ng Kongreso ang gobyernong Duterte na harapin

na ang mga kaso ng pagpatay sa mga tagapagtanggol ng kalikasan. Partikular, imbitahan na dapat ng pamahalaan ang ekspertong imbestigador ng United Nations upang sipatin ang kasalukuyang kalagayan. Nananawagan kami na ubos-kayang ipasa ng Kongresong ito ang House Bill No. 240, ang Human Rights Defenders Bill, upang mapalakas ang proteksiyon sa mga tagapagtanggol ng mga karapatan, kabilang ang karapatan sa kalikasan.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker, sa pagkakataong ito na nabigyan ng boses ang kapwa ko tagapagtanggol ng kalikasan mula sa Pilipinas. Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we refer the speech of Representative Cullamat to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thank you, distinguished Representative of BAYAN MUNA Party-List, Rep. “Ka Femia” Cullamat. Thank you.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Mark O. Go from the Lone District of Baguio City for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The distinguished Gentleman from the Lone District of Baguio City is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GO (M.)

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Mme. Majority Leader.

To my esteemed colleagues here in the House of Representatives and to all the guests who have graced us with their valued presence, a pleasant and fruitful afternoon.

Friends and colleagues, I stand on a matter of personal and collective privilege. As I was going around my district, Baguio City, last Sunday, I took note of the prices at which gasoline and diesel are being sold at some of the gas stations in our city. A Petron station sells gasoline at P59.74 and diesel at P47.08 per liter. Shell prices the same at P60 and P47.20 per liter while Caltex sells its products at P59.69 and P47.03 per liter. As we went down the lowlands, particularly in the town of Rosario, La Union, merely 39 kilometers away from Baguio City, we made record of a significant disparity in the prices of fuel in two localities. In Rosario, La Union, oil prices are as follows: at Petron, gasoline

sells at P53.69 and diesel at P42.30 per liter; Shell, the same sells at P53.59 and P42.16 per liter; and Caltex, it is P53.69 and P42.30 per liter. With these prices, as of Sunday, August 4, the price disparity for gasoline ranges from P6 to P6.41 per liter, while the disparity for diesel is between P4.73 to P5.04 per liter. This is the prevailing scenario that continues to beleaguer our people. We in Baguio City are paying as much as P6.41 for every liter of gasoline we purchase, more than the purchase price in a town merely 39 kilometers away.

In a liberalized and competitive oil market, prices fixed by players would naturally vary, but a price disparity of around five to six pesos between neighboring players is quite questionable. My honorable colleagues, this significant oil price disparity injures not only the city's transport sector, but afflicts the competitiveness and efficiency of local trade and commerce. As we all know, the volatility of fuel prices has a direct impact on the prices of commodities. This marked disparity in the price of oil in Baguio compared with that in nearby provinces translates to a higher cost of basic goods and services. The purchasing power of our consumers continues to suffer from these high fuel prices, and transporting our produce from Baguio to multiple destinations across Luzon would mean additional expenditure to farmers and traders. Meanwhile, the lack of accessible and adequate alternatives ensures that fuel demand in relation to its price remains inelastic.

My dear colleagues, compared with the other regions in Central and Northern Luzon, the minimum wage in the Cordillera Administrative Region has the lower or the lowest upper limit, which is currently pegged at P320 per day. In contrast, the cost of living in Baguio, the only highly urbanized city in the region, remains to be among the highest in Northern Luzon. Like many urban areas experiencing economic growth, the prices of goods and services in Baguio are higher than in the lowlands. We also have to take note that, apart from the rapid industrialization of Baguio, the fact that the city has long been a top tourist destination in the country adds to our worsening problem of traffic congestion. The city's traffic woes, together with the soaring prices of fuel, lead to huge losses to our PUV and taxi drivers as well as operators. Without any relief, these drivers and operators will have no other recourse but to seek fare hikes which, as they are, are already too steep for our commuters. The unjustified high prices of oil products in Baguio, compared with prices in the lowlands, set into motion a series of production, trade and transportation problems which affect the viability of our city's local economy and the daily lives of our people.

When the Oil Deregulation Law was enacted, it was envisioned to foster a truly competitive market under a regime of fair prices by encouraging the entry of new participants in the downstream oil industry. But what

happens when competition within a particular locality remains relatively weak, when the determination of oil prices is left to the unregulated discretion of the few local players?

In the case of the CAR, there are only a total of 87 oil players across the entire region. On the other hand, there are 482 players in Region I, 296 in Region II, and 773 in Region III. That being said, the same major players are taking the lion's share of the market both in Baguio and in Rosario, La Union. The presence of the major players along with independent ones and the thriving local economy of Baguio should be enough to sustain a certain degree of competition comparable with its neighbors in the lowlands. Of course, we take into consideration geographical variations that lead to additional transportation costs for the industry players, but without clarity on how this and other factors objectively affect pricing, the determination of fuel pump prices becomes prone to abuse, and the consuming public is left to bear the brunt.

Going back to the scenario in Baguio and Rosario, La Union, both towns source their fuel from Poro Point, San Fernando, La Union. Rosario is about 58.9 kilometers away from Poro Point while Baguio is 60.6 kilometers away. We have, in this case, a difference of only a few kilometers when the two fuel destinations are compared and yet we see a glaring disparity in the price points. So, while geographical variations are crucial in pricing, it is still competition that is determinative and when the competition is weak, the public submits to absolute discretion and manipulation of pump prices.

In this current regime of liberalization, the Department of Energy monitors fuel prices with reference to price movements in the global market while the Philippine Competition Commission regulates anti-competitive behavior, as in the cases of monopoly and cartelization. But, ultimately, market forces and the strength of local competition should determine such price adjustments. Indeed, a basic understanding of the law of supply and demand and the geographic location of Baguio would lead us to conclude that fuel prices would tend to be cheaper in the lowlands, but the amount of disparity prevailing in Northern Luzon begs us, consumers and policymakers alike, to question the regularity of these pump prices. The price of oil products in Baguio must immediately be brought down to what is fair and reasonable, reflective only of the circumstantial differences between Baguio and the lowlands, leaving no room for unjust manipulation. The situation in Northern Luzon calls for immediate government intervention.

I ask for the support of my colleagues here in Congress, as we seek for accountability, and demand a full and clear explanation on this matter from the market players. This Representation has already filed

a House resolution calling for an inquiry in aid of legislation on this fuel price disparity and overpricing in Northern Luzon. I also urge my fellow Representatives to take a look at their own districts if there may be similar experiences or irregularities in the pricing of oil products, so that we may collectively advocate for solutions to these concerns. My dear colleagues, the motorists and consumers in Baguio have suffered long enough. With your support, I hope that we can provide relief, not only to my constituents but to all those similarly situated. Let us work together to determine the appropriate affirmative action needed in response to these problems in fixing oil prices. Let us dignify the right of consumers to a fair and reasonable access to oil products.

My dear friends and colleagues, thank you for granting me this opportunity to raise the concerns of my people before this honorable Assembly. I look forward to working with you immediately in addressing this matter.

Again, thank you very much and God bless us all.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Cong. Mark Go to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thank you, distinguished Gentleman from the Lone District of Baguio City, Cong. Mark Go.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we extend the Privilege Hour for another hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to extend the Privilege Hour for another hour? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is hereby approved.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur, Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The distinguished Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur, the Hon. Gabriel Bordado Jr., is hereby recognized.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, last week, I delivered a privilege speech expressing my objection to the position taken by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, otherwise known as the MMDA, and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board or the LTFRB to ban provincial buses from EDSA. Mr. Speaker, I argued, echoing the gist of the petitions filed by some of my colleagues here in the Eighteenth Congress, that such a position would, in effect, further exacerbate the current traffic problem in Metro Manila and unnecessarily burden travelers from the provinces with a plethora of concerns.

Mr. Speaker, coincidentally, just three days after the delivery of my speech, Judge Caridad Walse-Lutero of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court ordered the MMDA and the LTFRB to stop the implementation of the proposed provincial bus ban in the EDSA. According to Judge Lutero, and I quote, “Both the MMDA and the LTFRB seemed to have abused their police powers when they amended the routes of provincial buses and ordered the closure of bus terminals without sufficiently consulting the ban’s stakeholders.” Mr. Speaker, the injunction, as per report of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, “stemmed from an appeal filed by several bus operators.”

Of course, Mr. Speaker, we welcome the decision of Judge Lutero and we take particular note of the operative words in her decision, that is, “without sufficiently consulting the ban’s stakeholders.” Mr. Speaker, I concur with Judge Lutero’s stand that the MMDA and the LTFRB should conduct sufficient consultations with the stakeholders, particularly the hapless travelers coming from the provinces. Without going off-tangent, however, I fully agree with the MMDA and the LTFRB on the very urgent need to decongest the nightmarish traffic in EDSA, but, Mr. Speaker, it should not be done in such a way that we, probinsiyanos, would be put in an excruciating bind, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Gabriel Bordado Jr. to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Gentleman from

the First District of Laguna, Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez.

REP. FERNANDEZ. Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The distinguished Deputy Speaker from the First District of Laguna is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. FERNANDEZ

REP. FERNANDEZ. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

A while ago, I was not about to stand anymore because our distinguished colleague from Bicol delivered a privilege speech regarding the issuance of a writ of preliminary injunction by Judge Lutero, the same topic that I was going to discuss as well. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, I chose to deliver this speech precisely as there are issues that I have to tackle as well. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise on this matter, the sad plight not only of my district but of my provincemates, and the residents of Southern Luzon as well, Mr. Speaker. I refer to the various solutions proposed to solve the horrendous traffic situation, and the subsequent huge losses to our economy, but which have now been suspended because of the injunction issued by RTC Branch No. 223 under Judge Caridad Walse-Lutero.

Esteemed colleagues, Mr. Speaker, all of us are united in the idea of an efficient transport system that would tremendously benefit our people and the national economy. We all agree that our people deserve a comfortable, stress-free and convenient travel from their homes to their places of work and back, but this idea could not be achieved because of the horrendous traffic situation in Metro Manila.

Even His Excellency, President Rodrigo Duterte, is well aware of this crucial concern, so much so that when he assumed the presidency in July 2016, one of his priorities was stomping out traffic congestion in Metro Manila, particularly along EDSA. For this reason, he personally handpicked a very competent and committed man to handle the challenge, Ret. Gen. Danny Lim, as Chairman of the Metro Manila Development Authority. He was entrusted the difficult task of putting sanity to Metro Manila traffic, believing that he could deliver and from day one, General Lim rolled up his sleeves to work. He cleared all obstructions throughout the length of the thoroughfare, including those posed by malls along EDSA, brought humanity and dignity to traffic enforcers, declogged drainages and waterways, implemented flood mitigation projects to reduce the 20-minute target time for floods to subside, and most importantly, removed all informal settlers along the waterways. It was resolute action all along.

In the context of all these, the President, in his

fourth State of the Nation Address, directed DILG Sec. Eduardo Año to further intensify the campaign against all road obstruction and to strengthen and continue clearing operations not only in Metro Manila, but also in the entire country. The President's order was resolute that Secretary Año told all the mayors to hold all barangay captains accountable for road obstruction. Thus, in pursuit of the President's directive, all mayors and barangay captains are now working hand-in-hand to bring back the roads to the people. The results are there to see.

I remember the time when I was the Mayor of the City of Sta. Rosa in Laguna, that one of my priority thrusts was also to clear the roads of all obstructions, particularly in the different parts of my constituency. It was a very difficult task as there were many who were hurt in the process and many suffered, and so much resources were wasted in making them follow the law. Still, there are many who keep on going astray, obstructing the roads again and again. During my incumbency, we watched the clearing operations of General Lim, particularly in Caloocan City where there was one house in the middle of a waterway which he personally ordered to be demolished. That was political will of the highest order. We were inspired and strengthened in our collective resolve to follow his example. His innovation of introducing the yellow lane was effective, similar to that of the BST in Jakarta, Indonesia and Guangzhou in China. Even the city of Paris has implemented bus lanes where cars are not allowed. In 2012, the bus segregation scheme was introduced. Ito po iyong mayroong "A," "B" and "C" para sa ating mga bus, kung saan sila titigil, pi-pick up sa letter A, B or C, pagkatapos ay aalis. Ang purpose po ay para iyong atin pong mga bus will not jockey for positions in a rivalrous manner, kaya iyon pong signs ay prominently displayed in front of the buses.

The second measure which sought to revolutionize the transport system of Metro Manila and the whole country was supposed to take effect noon pa po, noong July 2013 pa. This was to remove all provincial buses from EDSA by establishing integrated terminals on the outskirts of the metropolitan areas where provincial buses will stop and transfer passengers to the big-city transportation. This scheme was inspired by what had been done in Seoul, Korea, iyon pong sa Gangnam district, as well as in Indonesia's Surabaya with Purabaya's integrated bus terminal. The first integrated terminal was operated two years ago, the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange. This serves the passengers of Cavite and Batangas-bound buses from EDSA and so far, this has been one of the programs and projects implemented by the MMDA, along with the PITEX. The Valenzuela terminal and the Sta. Rosa integrated terminal system in the city of Sta. Rosa should be next and this is because, as per the United

Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific—iyong tinatawag nating UNESCAP—study, entitled: “Battling Congestion in Manila: the EDSA Problem” written in 2013, putting up this integrated terminal in the outskirts of Metro Manila will quickly become effective.

But, Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, we all know that solving the congestion in EDSA and in Metro Manila as a whole will not be so quick or easy, given that the street patterns cannot be altered within a year. Thus, congestion will remain. Building more roads may not be efficient in the long term and instead, effective policies must be put in place, foremost is harnessing trains and better-connected stations. This is exactly our proposal.

The Sta. Rosa Integrated Terminal System, which is located approximately 25 kilometers south of Makati—taking the Mamplasan exit, that will take at least 35 minutes via the Skyway and the South Luzon Expressway. Iyon pong aming STRITS, iyong tinatawag naming “Sta. Rosa Integrated Terminal System,” shall have the base, the parking lots, amenities and other facilities that shall ensure the seamless transfer of passengers. This also includes a provision for the transfer to the PNR railway kasi doon po sa aming interim bus terminal, two minutes away lang ito at kalapit ka na po ang PNR. This coincides with the project of the national government kasi iyon pong Build, Build, Build nila, doon ay magko-commence na po iyong ating tinatawag na “NSCR,” iyong North-South Commuter Railway Project, na magsisimula sa Clark City in Pampanga province to the north of Calamba, Laguna in the south of Manila. This is a \$2.7-billion project ng ating national government that will initially be operational by 2022. That is the reason ito pong interim terminal na ginawa natin po sa Sta. Rosa with the city government of Sta. Rosa will somehow be helpful dahil aside sa magkakaroon po tayo ng P2P, magkakaroon tayo ng city buses, at iyong component po ng PNR will also be there, from Calamba to Sta. Rosa to San Pedro to Blumentritt going straight to Clark.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, the design and construction of this project must be made with the ease and convenience of the riding public in mind. There should be a computerized dispatch system that will ensure hassle-free ingress and egress of buses and other vehicles in the east ridge, including a computerized ticketing system, wide and easily-read LED schemes indicating the various bus schedules, and Internet access to these schedules. In other words, Mr. Speaker, these are state-of-the-art facilities once the interim terminal is successful. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, iyon nga po, Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 223 issued on January 16, 2019 an order by Judge Lutero a writ of preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin the LTFRB and MMDA from implementing this issuance, more

specifically, LTFRB MC No. 29D-001 and MMDA Regulations No. 19-002.

Mr. Speaker, a while ago, I was listening to Congressman Bordado and he was trying to tell us that there is no plan for this integrated terminal bus system, that Judge Lutero has even issued a writ of preliminary injunction. If we will recall, the case against the MMDA under GR No. 170656, iyon pong kaso ng MMDA and Bayani Fernando against Viron Transportation, iyon pong executive order na ginawa po ni former Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo wherein the MMDA recommended a plan to decongest traffic by eliminating the bus terminals now located along the major Metro Manila thoroughfares, ay na-submit noon pa pong 2003. Unfortunately, this EO 179 was nullified by the Supreme Court not because—the reason it was nullified was that the mandate of the MMDA does not include iyon pong pag-i-implement ng projects like this. That is the reason this was nullified by the Supreme Court.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think the MMDA or the different agencies like the DOTr and its attached agency, the LTFRB, are somehow doing their mandate as agencies attached to the DOTr. Precisely, they did not revoke the franchises that were given to the bus operators but only amended their franchises. Instead of the end-point of their destination being the different terminals in EDSA, na-shorten po iyon, at doon na ito sa integrated terminal exchange in Sta. Rosa and Valenzuela. We, the city government of Sta. Rosa, initiated this project and so, we are so saddened that after all the work that had been done and its implementation by the LTFRB and the Department of Transportation, magkakaroon po ng ganitong writ of preliminary injunction.

Mr. Speaker, napakatagal nang panahon na nagkaroon ng pag-aaral dito, and I think it is high time that the national government pursue this vision to decongest the traffic in EDSA, precisely because the capacity of EDSA is that it can only cater to 288,000 vehicles. Nowadays, ang dumadaan pong vehicles diyan ay umaabot na ng almost 402,000 daily and having said this, Mr. Speaker, I believe every vehicle na dumadaan diyan contributes to the congestion of EDSA. That is the reason the national government, through the MMDA and the DOTr, did something.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, if I may, kasi mayroon po akong nakitang isang letter na nakuha po natin sa mga pabo natin, if I can borrow the line of Minority Leader Benny Abante. Mayroon din po tayong pabo doon at sinasabi nila na noong October 8, 2018, during the 30<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting held on October 8, 2018 at the Aguinaldo State Dining Room, Malacañang Palace, the Transportation Secretary presented updates on various transportation projects, including the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange being envisioned as the transfer point for provincial and in-city transportation. In the course of the discussion,

the President reminded the Transportation Secretary to close the bus terminals located along EDSA, and this order was signed by Leoncio Evasco. Following this, Mr. Speaker, si Secretary Salvador Medialdea also directed MMDA Chairman Danny Lim noong June 17, 2019. Binabanggit po doon, in order to ensure the proper establishment and implementation of the provincial interim bus terminals, the MMDA is directed to coordinate with the Department of Transportation and comply with its requirements and prerequisites as a condition for the establishment, implementation and operation of the same. In other words, Mr. Speaker, nag-order po ang Pangulo sa MMDA to coordinate with other agencies, and that is what they did. The MMDA coordinated because that is the function of the MMDA, to coordinate with and monitor the traffic management plan that they have to the right agency and the right agency is the DOTr. The DOTr through the LTFRB issued a memorandum circular, iyon nga po itong Memorandum Circular No. 37, opening applications to operate point-to-point bus service routes to augment passenger demands coming from the Sta. Rosa Interim Terminal and the Valenzuela Gateway Complex Terminal.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is high time that we give this dry run, that others are objecting to, a chance. After all, it is just a part of the bigger traffic management plan to have this dry run in order for us to find out kung ito po ay magiging applicable to the present situation. Imagine, Mr. Speaker, we have, like, 97 terminals in EDSA, and we have, like, 7,000 buses plying the yellow lane everyday. Punung-puno na ng mga bus ang yellow lane natin. Kung pupuwede lang magsalita si Epi, kung nabubuhay lang po si Epi, siguro sasabihin sa atin ay, “Alisin ninyo na ang pangalan ko diyan.” Hindi ba si Epi, si Epifanio Delos Santos, kasi araw-araw ay namumura at inaabot ng mura na, “Walanghiya ang EDSA na iyan”—di ba—o “Hayup ang EDSA na iyan, nata-traffic tayo araw-araw.” We also experience these problems, hindi lamang po iyong ating mga kababayan.

You know, Mr. Speaker, a contention that is being thrown at this interim terminal, sinasabi ng mga operators na mas mahal ang singil. Hindi naman po mamahal ang singil e kasi nga po iyong mga bus na manggagaling po mula doon sa kanilang point of origin, for example, manggagaling mula doon sa Visayas at Mindanao, papunta po sila sa Manila, iikli po iyong kanilang biyahe. Instead na magkaroon sila ng point of final destination sa EDSA, doon na lang po muna ito sa Sta. Rosa and after that, saka sila ihahatid doon po sa kani-kanilang mga destinasyon.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, mali-lessen po iyong kanilang travel time at ito naman ay parang plus-minus scheme lamang, kumbaga, para po tayong mayroon ditong tinatawag na plus-minus, na mababawasan

iyong travel time mo pero madadagdagan naman ito kapag sumakay ka na doon sa city buses at mga P2Ps. Eventually, iyon pong PNR, kapag natapos po by 2022, ay tamang-tama doon sa interim terminal natin dahil po kalapit lamang po ito noong PNR.

I still remember when Secretary Tugade visited the place and told us to pursue this project. Our dream to have a better EDSA is within our grasp but unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I really do not know. Last week, I delivered a speech about the injunction being issued by some members of the court—dito, nag-issue na naman po. This is a good policy of the national government and no less than the President himself wanted to transfer all the bus terminals to the outskirts of Metro Manila but now, pinipigilan naman po ng korte. I know and I submit to their wise wisdom, but I think this is premature, Mr. Speaker, precisely because kasama sa pinakamalaking plano nila itong dry run. Why stop now if we can try it for, like, three months and find out if it will work. Now, kung hindi po mag-work ito—kaya nga tinawag na interim kasi ang ibig sabihin, ito ay temporary—kung hindi maganda ay itigil ito, pero kung maganda ay ituloy ito. Ang contention din ng others ay, dumaan ba ito sa NEDA? Dumaan ba ito sa Infracom? Dumaan ba ito doon sa tinatawag na Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Transport Planning? Hindi pa po dumadaan kasi nga po temporary pa lang. In other words, Mr. Speaker, we are going there. If ever that this memorandum order of former Pres. Benigno Aquino, iyon pong Memorandum Order No. 25 mandating that all infrastructure projects must pass through this IATCTP, dadaan naman po lahat dito, but we need to have a trial first because kasama po ito sa mas malaking plano para nang sa ganoon po na kung mag-work out, let us pursue at kapag hindi, then let us stop.

Mr. Speaker, I think we are losing a lot of money because of the traffic. According to the study of JICA, about P5 billion a day ang nauubos—ito ang loss ng gobyerno pero our bus operators have been here for so many years, Mr. Speaker, iyon pong plaintiffs natin dito, hindi ba, iyong ating bus operators like Viron, 1978 pa ay nandiyan na sila; iyon pong Victory Liner, 1945, at ang Baliwag, 1960.

Mr. Speaker, I think they have already benefited plying on the street of EDSA. I think it is high time that they give back to EDSA that which brings profits to our bus operators. Something that will be—malaki ang pasasalamat ng ating mga kababayan but because majority of our people are travelling along EDSA, Mr. Speaker, ramdam na ramdam natin ang problema. Ako po, kapag lumuluwas ako ng Maynila at pupunta ako ng Congress ay tatlong oras ang kailangang i-allot ko para makarating po ako ng Kongreso. Napakahirap. Ang sinasabi po sa study, by 2025, 38 million na po ang tao dito sa Metro Manila at taon-taon, isang libong



behikulo ang nadadagdag sa EDSA at kung hindi natin po ito ita-try, ang dry run na ito, Mr. Speaker, hindi ko na po alam kung saan po patungo ang EDSA.

Mr. Speaker, hanggang dito na lamang po. I submit. Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. from AKO BICOL Party-List for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Gentleman from AKO BICOL Party-List is hereby recognized.

REP. GARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the very good-looking Deputy Speaker yield to some questions?

REP. FERNANDEZ. Yes, willingly, Sir.

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker, I am one with the Deputy Speaker from Laguna in finding a viable solution to solving the traffic in Metro Manila, specifically EDSA. Will the Deputy Speaker agree with me that when we find solutions, especially when we adopt policies that affect millions of Filipinos travelling from all over the country, from provinces like Bicol, Visayas, Mindanao, and from the northern parts of our country, it should be a policy, especially the provincial bus ban, that should be supported by science, by actual studies, by data. Do you agree with me?

REP. FERNANDEZ. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, much as I wanted to answer, citing studies about the traffic management plan that had been conceptualized during the time of Gloria Macapagal Arroyo which was submitted to the MMDA through our former MMDA Chairman, Cong. Bayani Fernando, Mr. Speaker, I think, nowadays, we do not need to have a scientific study on this. Blatantly, nakikita po na natin iyong problem that is right in front of us, and each and every one of us here, who is travelling on EDSA, has experienced the problem, and that cannot be denied by science or any study that can be argued upon. Tayo mismo, kitang-kita po natin iyong problem. Do we need science to be presented to us before we take action, Mr. Speaker? I do not think so.

REP. GARBIN. We both agree that everyday, there is traffic along EDSA and that costs us billions of pesos in productive hours, in the loss of precious time by each and every Filipino. Pero iyong nakikita ho natin na nagko-cause ng traffic along EDSA, I think these should be identified.

Now, the premise of your privilege speech, Mr. Speaker, is to get rid of the provincial bus terminals and implement the provincial bus ban in order to ease traffic congestion in EDSA. My question is, do you have any empirical basis that will really show that the traffic along EDSA is directly related to the existence of the provincial buses?

REP. FERNANDEZ. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my dear colleague. We have seen the project of the MMDA of putting up a yellow lane wherein only provincial buses can pass through this lane, and not only the provincial buses but also the city buses as well are allowed to enter this yellow lane. For now, Mr. Speaker, these lanes are being used specifically by them pero now pa lang, we can see that, still, the problem arises dahil hindi po ma-accommodate ng yellow lane natin iyong mga bus na pumapasok dito po sa yellow lane. And that, Mr. Speaker, it is somehow rightly seen by all of us that the problem still exists even after we put up a yellow lane. So, meaning, Mr. Speaker, these buses that contributed to the influx of a lot of vehicles must be arrested, Mr. Speaker, I mean by "arrested," it can be cured by putting up an ITx or interim terminal exchanges in the suburbs of Metro Manila, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARBIN. Let us not be confused by the usage of yellow lanes whenever we see that the same is congested by the buses, because we might be confused in that what we are referring to are the city buses and not the provincial buses. Data would show, and this is given by the MMDA, Mr. Speaker, that the provincial buses constitute less than five percent of the total vehicles that ply along EDSA as compared to the 95 percent which comprise the private vehicles and the provincial buses. In fact, at galing din ito sa MMDA, na sinasabi nila na there are only 3,600 provincial buses as against the 12,000 city buses.

So, you do the math—sino ba ang nagko-cause ng traffic, is it the five percent or the 95 percent?

REP. FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is not only the buses that is the problem here. You know, there are 97 bus terminals along EDSA and those are legal, pero mayroon pa po tayong mga tinatawag na colorum. Aside from the buses that are plying this thoroughfare, iyon pong terminals na ginagamit po ng ating mga bus operators are also a problem. By having an integrated bus terminal, wherein all these buses and terminals will be at the outskirts of Metro Manila, most likely, Mr. Speaker, this problem will be solved. That is the reason we should have a dry-run muna, hindi pa po ito permanente. Kumbaga, i-try muna natin, subukan muna natin, at kapag naging effective, Mr. Speaker, then, we will tell them to stop this interim terminal project.

REP. GARBIN. Okay.

REP. FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, as I have said, we believe the scientific studies. Siguro, kung noong panahong ipinagawa po itong EDSA noong 1940 ay, siyempre, magbe-base po tayo sa scientific studies. But this time, Mr. Speaker, kitang-kita po natin ang problema and we have to arrest this problem that confronts all of us in this august Chamber, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker, I heard the argument of the MMDA on how they espouse that provincial bus terminals are traffic generators. Noong tinanong ko sila kung bakit ang mga ito ay traffic generators, ang sinabi nila ay dahil tumitigil iyong mga taxi, at ang mga jeepney ay nakaparada doon, para sila ay mag-pick up ng mga pasahero and that is why it causes traffic. Pero kapag tiningnan naman natin ang traffic, hindi lang diyari sa Cubao kung saan bumababa at tumitigil ang mga provincial buses, but the traffic extends up to Makati and Magallanes pero wala namang mga provincial bus terminal doon. At kung iyon lang naman ang argumento, na dahil traffic generators ang mga ito, bakit hindi na lang hulihin sila, and to fully implement and enforce the traffic laws and regulations along EDSA, pati iyong mga bumabalandra doon sa EDSA ay dapat ma-address para mawala iyong traffic?

Pangalawa, sinasabi natin that we need to have an integrated and intermodal terminal, tama po, and that is precisely what the National Transport Policy provides, as compared to these interim terminals situated in Sta. Rosa, Laguna and Valenzuela that is not part of any NEDA board resolution which we consider as the legal and economic framework for the success of any transport system. Kaya nga ho, at na-admit din ninyo kanina, hindi ito kasama sa napag-aralan na transport policy. In fact, for the information of the good Deputy Speaker, when we had a Committee hearing before the Committee on Transportation during the previous Congress, it was admitted by the DOTr and the LTRFB na hindi man lamang sila kinonsulta dito sa interim terminals sa Sta. Rosa at Valenzuela.

Pangatlo, ang mga provincial bus ho ay P2P ang mga iyan at ito ho ang nakapalaman sa kanilang prangkisa. The idea is to get rid of them along EDSA and so, they will be replaced by another P2P buses that will end up in EDSA. Ano ho ba iyong pagkakaiba? Pinalitan mo iyong mga provincial bus at pinatigil mo doon sa Sta. Rosa Laguna at sa Valenzuela, pero papalitan mo ng P2P buses that will end up along EDSA, kaya ano ho ba iyong pagkakaiba?

REP. FERNANDEZ. Okay, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARBIN. Anong resulta ang ating matitingnan kung ang ginawa mo ay pareho lamang, except that

you just provided or entailed more expenses for the probinsiyanos, pati nconvenience, dagdag na pagod at prolonged travel time. Iyon ho ang resulta.

REP. FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, on the first question that was asked by our good Gentleman from Bicol about the different policies of the MMDA in alleviating the plight of our commuters along EDSA, sinasabi po niya na hindi ito ang solusyon, iyong pagba-ban sa mga bus. With this complex problem that we are experiencing in EDSA, every element of the solution is welcome. The different policies that are being implemented by the MMDA are somehow not enough, Mr. Speaker, and that is the reason they wanted to add more solutions to the problem by identifying the different elements.

Mr. Speaker, marami pong elemento ang solusyon sa trapiko at hindi lamang po iyong sinasabi natin na pag-aalis ng mga bus at pag-aalis ng mga terminal ang solusyon. There are lots of solutions like the policies that are being implemented by the MMDA. These are so important that we need to have additional solutions, hindi ba? Iyong integrated bus terminal ay isang solution at iyong paglalagay ng PNR which can be used by our commuters is also a solution, Mr. Speaker. Kaya in answer to his question, iyon pong policies na ginagawa po ng MMDA are not enough, Mr. Speaker, to solve the problem of EDSA.

Now, iyon pong second question niya kung nakonsulta po ba ang ating mga stakeholders, there are a lot of meetings that were conducted by the MMDA, and in one of those meetings where I was invited, nandoon po ang bus operators, nandoon po iyong ibang stakeholders, at nandoon po iyong iba pang mga affected. I disagree with the observation of our good Gentleman from Bicol but I was invited to attend that meeting precisely because we are one of the proponents of this integrated bus terminal project.

Sa pangatlo pong tanong ng atin pong kagalang-galang na Mambabatas ay iyon pong tinatawag na kung using the P2P going to EDSA ay magdadagdag pa ng additional buses or mga city bus o iyong mga P2Ps. No, Mr. Speaker, walang additional dito. Iyon pong may mga prangkisa na sa Metro Manila, according to the MMDA, ay mai-extend iyong kanilang prangkisa to Santa Rosa and Valenzuela. Walang dagdag na bus at walang dagdag na city buses. In other words, Mr. Speaker, even the collection of fees from the commuters will not be charged as city fare. In other words, kung ano po iyong fare nila na binabayaran nila sa kanilang provincial buses ay iyon din po ang kokolektahin ng ating mga P2P at ng ating mga city bus.

Mr. Speaker, if I may also, wala po namang nagbago doon. Kung manggagaling ka ng Visayas, Bicol o Southern Luzon at pupunta ka ng terminal ng EDSA, we have to consider that those who are going to

the terminals in EDSA, hindi naman po iyon ang kanilang final destination. Sa pagbaba nila sa terminal, iyong mga kababayan natin—sayang, hindi ko lang dala iyong pictures kasi iyong itong pictures ang magpapatunay na ang mga pasahero natin na galing sa terminal, sa pagbaba nila, kanyakanya na iyan at hahanap na sila ng sasakyan nila, hahanap na ng taxi o hahanap na ng SUV. Samantalang doon po sa integrated bus terminal ay magiging seamless, na sa pagbaba mo sa terminal ay nandoon na iyong mga porter, nandoon na iyong mga cart, kukunin na iyong mga gamit mo at dadalhin ka na sa city buses, dadalhin ka na sa P2P o dadalhin ka na doon sa bagong PNR station na pupunta ng Blumentritt.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, all those coming from different provinces, kapag pumunta naman sila ng EDSA, hindi naman ibig sabihin sa EDSA na sila mag-i-stay. Sasakay pa iyan at sa pagsakay nila, nahihirapan din sila dahil wala naman po kasing mga magdadala sa kanila sa iba't ibang lugar. But, of course, Mr. Speaker, ang sinasabi po ng iba nating mga kababayan, “bakit babaguhin pa iyan?” Alam ninyo, ang mga Pilipino, ang human nature natin, we do not want something to change, but the reality is that we are evolving, dapat nagbabago po. Ang EDSA dati ay maluwag, walang pagtatalo. That time, kapag sinabing EDSA, okay, maluwag, pero this time, it became adult in nature and we need to have an adult solution to the problem that we are confronting right now, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker, let me just correct the impressions that there will be no new or additional buses or no new franchises that will be issued in connection with this provincial bus ban. The truth is, there will be new franchises that will be issued for the P2P buses that will take or that will substitute for the provincial buses that will be banned along EDSA.

Now, let me just give my two cents' worth of contribution. This is my last, yes thank you. Just to end, Mr. Speaker, and Deputy Speaker Fernandez, there are things that must be implemented first by the MMDA. One is the crackdown on illegal terminals wherein these are havens which provide a refuge to colorum vehicles with no passenger insurance coverage and no franchises. They do not pay business permits, they do not pay any taxes, and they are noncompliant with terminal standards. Sana bago ipasara iyong lehitimong provincial terminals, hanapin muna nila iyong illegal terminals. Second, the LTFRB has no estimate on the number of colorums or vehicles operating in Metro Manila and so, it is difficult to conclude that the cause of traffic are the legitimate provincial bus operators. These colorum vehicles contribute to the traffic congestion. Ito nga po muna sana iyong tutukan bago tayo pumunta sa isang polisiya na gagawin nating eksperimento, kung saan ang apektado ay libu-libong mga probinsiyano na walang ibang means of transportation but to take the provincial bus because that is the cheapest mode of transportation going to Metro Manila. If you stop them in Sta. Rosa and in Valenzuela, definitely, it will entail more

expenses, additional travel time, prolonged journey to calvary, which will not happen with the provincial bus ban. Salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. FERNANDEZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sasagutin ko? (*Laughter*) Hindi na, siges na. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, to give way to the oath-taking of our Deputy Speakers, I beg the indulgence of the Hon. Dan Fernandez.

I move that we suspend the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). There is a motion to suspend the Privilege Hour to pave the way for the oath-taking of the newly-elected Deputy Speakers.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Pending the arrival of Speaker Cayetano, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is suspended.

*It was 6:24 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:27 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of the session for a few minutes more.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is suspended.

*It was 6:27 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:29 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS  
TO COMMITTEES

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority, I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

*The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to various Committees, per Journal No. 8, dated August 6, 2019.*

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino  
Rep. Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano  
Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada  
Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III

As members:

Rep. Cyrille “Beng” F. Abueg-Zaldivar  
Rep. Faustino “Inno” A. Dy V  
Rep. Dale “Along” R. Malapitan  
Rep. Eric M. Martinez  
Rep. Alfred Vargas  
Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu  
Rep. Julienne “Jam” Baronda  
Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo  
Rep. Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV  
Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto  
Rep. Strike B. Revilla  
Rep. Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso  
Rep. Rolando M. Valeriano  
Rep. Sol Aragonés  
Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.  
Rep. Eduardo “Eddie” R. Gullas  
Rep. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona  
Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano  
Rep. Frederick W. Siao  
Rep. Ian Paul L. Dy  
Rep. Gil “Kabarangay Jr.” A. Acosta  
Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian  
Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo  
Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA  
Rep. Christian S. Unabia  
Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza  
Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles  
Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez  
Rep. Eric Go Yap  
Rep. Christopher V. P. De Venecia  
Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

As Chairperson:

Rep. Sol Aragonés

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez  
Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez  
Rep. Ramon C. Nolasco Jr.  
Rep. Franz “Chicoy” E. Alvarez  
Rep. Edgar M. Chatto  
Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri

As members:

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva  
Rep. Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug  
Rep. Wilfredo “Willy” S. Caminero  
Rep. Juliette T. Uy  
Rep. Vicente S.E. Veloso  
Rep. Micaela S. Violago  
Rep. Rashidin H. Matba  
Rep. Faustino “Inno” A. Dy V  
Rep. Elias C. Bulut Jr.  
Rep. Carlito S. Marquez  
Rep. Bernardita “Ditas” Ramos  
Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.  
Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao  
Rep. Gil “Kabarangay Jr.” A. Acosta  
Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr.  
Rep. Maximo Y. Dalog Jr.  
Rep. Ramon V. Guico III  
Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada  
Rep. Mark O. Go  
Rep. Rogelio Neil P. Roque  
Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon  
Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba  
Rep. Josefina B. Tallado  
Rep. Francisco Jose “Bingo” F.  
Matugas II, CPA, CESO, LLB  
Rep. Cyrille “Beng” F. Abueg-Zaldivar  
Rep. Fernando T. Cabredo  
Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor  
Rep. Ann K. Hofer  
Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing  
Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas  
Rep. Janice Z. Salimbanon

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The aforementioned Members whose names were read by the Majority Leader are hereby elected as members of the Committees cited.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is suspended.

*It was 6:32 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:33 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is hereby resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, last July 24, 2019, the Hon. Neptali M. Gonzales II from the Lone District of Mandaluyong was elected as Deputy Speaker. I move that we allow Deputy Speaker-elect Gonzales (N.) to take his oath.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is directed to call the Hon. Neptali “Boyet” Gonzales II to take his oath of office before this Body.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella III relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

*Representative Gonzales (N.) ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.*

THE SPEAKER. May I request our dear colleagues to rise for the solemnity of this oath-taking.

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. GONZALES (N.) AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. For your oath, please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

*I, Neptali M. Gonzales II of the Lone District of Mandaluyong City, having been elected as Deputy Speaker, Eighteenth Congress, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.*  
*So help me God.*

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations, Deputy Speaker Neptali M. Gonzales II. (*Applause*)

*At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, last July 24, 2019, the Hon. Dan S. Fernandez from the First District of Laguna was elected as Deputy Speaker. I move that we allow Deputy Speaker-elect Fernandez to take his oath.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is hereby approved.

The Secretary General is hereby directed to call the Hon. Dan S. Fernandez to take his oath of office before this Body.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella III relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Deputy Speaker-elect Dan S. Fernandez is requested to join the Speaker at the rostrum.

*At this juncture, Representative Fernandez ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.*

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. FERNANDEZ AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me your oath of office:

*I, Dan S. Fernandez of the First District of Laguna, having been elected as Deputy Speaker, Eighteenth Congress, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.*

*So help me God.*

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations, Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez. (*Applause*)

*At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, last July 30, 2019, the Hon. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas from the Third District of Pangasinan was elected as Deputy Speaker. I move that we allow Deputy Speaker-elect Arenas to take her oath.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is directed to call the Hon. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas to take her oath of office before this Body.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Deputy Speaker-elect Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas is requested to join the Speaker at the rostrum.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella III relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

*Representative Arenas ascended the rostrum and took her oath of office as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.*

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. ARENAS AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

*I, Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas of the Third District of Pangasinan, having been elected as Deputy Speaker, Eighteenth Congress, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.*

*So help me God.*

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations, Deputy Speaker Arenas. *(Applause)*

REP. ARENAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)* Thank you so much.

*At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, last July 30, 2019, the Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta of SAGIP Party-List was elected Deputy Speaker. I move that we allow Deputy Speaker-elect Marcoleta to take his oath.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is directed to call the Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta to take his oath of office before this Body.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Deputy Speaker-elect Rodante D. Marcoleta is requested to join the Speaker at the rostrum.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella III relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

*Representative Marcoleta, accompanied by some Members of the House of Representatives and the members of his family, ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.*

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. MARCOLETA AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and recite your oath before me:

*I, Rodante D. Marcoleta, of the Social Amelioration and Genuine Intervention on Poverty (SAGIP), having been elected as Deputy Speaker, Eighteenth Congress, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.*

*So help me God.*

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta. *(Applause)*

REP. MARCOLETA. *Salamat po. (Applause)*

*At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, last July 30, 2019, the Hon. Henry S. Oaminal from the Second District of Misamis Occidental was elected Deputy Speaker. I move that we allow Deputy Speaker-elect Oaminal to take his oath.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is directed to call the Hon. Henry S. Oaminal to take his oath of office before this Body.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Deputy Speaker-elect Henry Oaminal and his family members are requested to join the Speaker at the rostrum.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella III relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

*Representative Oaminal, accompanied by the members of his family, ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.*

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. OAMINAL AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and recite your oath before me:

*I, Henry S. Oaminal, of the Second District of Misamis Occidental, having been elected as Deputy Speaker, Eighteenth Congress, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.  
So, help me God.*

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations po! (*Applause*)

REP. OAMINAL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, last July 30, 2019, the Hon. Pablo John F. Garcia of the Third District of Cebu was elected Deputy Speaker. I move that we allow Deputy Speaker-elect Garcia (P.) to take his oath.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is directed to call the Hon. Pablo John F. Garcia to take his oath of office before this Body.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Deputy Speaker-elect Pablo John F. Garcia is requested to join the Speaker at the rostrum.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella III relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

*Representative Garcia (P.), accompanied by the members of his family, ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.*

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. GARCIA (P.) AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and recite your oath before me:

*I, Pablo John F. Garcia, of the Third District of Cebu, having been elected as Deputy Speaker, Eighteenth Congress, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.*

*So, help me God.*

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations, Deputy Speaker Garcia (P.). (*Applause*)

REP. GARCIA (P.). Thank you.

*At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Sandro L. Gonzalez of MARINO Party-List for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The distinguished Gentleman from MARINO Party-List, the Hon. Sandro L. Gonzalez, is hereby recognized for his manifestation.

REP. GONZALEZ (S.). Thank you, Majority Leader. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This Representation, as the first nominee of the MARINO Party-List, would like to inform the House of Representatives that Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez, in a letter addressed to the Board of Trustees of MARINO (Samahan ng mga Seaman) Party-List dated July 5, 2019, tendered his resignation as a Member and second nominee of MARINO Party-List. Due to the unforeseen resignation of Representative Lopez (J.), the Board of Trustees of the MARINO Party-List held a special meeting on July 6, 2019 and unanimously accepted his resignation, and further resolved to submit to the Commission on Elections, the certified list of nominees of our Party-list. On July 17, 2019, the MARINO Party-List filed before the Law Department of the Comelec, a manifestation informing the Body of the resignation of our second nominee and submitting to the same, the certificate of nomination and certificate of acceptance of the MARINO Party-List for purposes of the May 13, 2019 elections.

Mr. Speaker, in view of the foregoing and on behalf of the MARINO Party-List, may we request that the resignation of Representative Lopez (J.) be accepted by the House of Representatives, and that Representative Lopez (J.) be dropped from the roll of the House. This is necessary in order to allow the third nominee of our party to assume the position vacated by Representative Lopez (J.).

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### RESIGNATION OF REP. LOPEZ (J.) AS MARINO PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, given the manifestation of Rep. Sandro L. Gonzalez, I move that we accept the resignation of Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez of MARINO Party-List and instruct the Secretary

General to drop from the roll of Members of the House, Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The resignation of Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez from the MARINO Party-List is hereby accepted. The Secretary General is instructed to drop Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez from the roll of Members of the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we instruct the Secretary General to duly inform the Commission on Elections of the acceptance by the House of Representatives of the resignation of Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is hereby instructed to duly inform the Commission on Elections of the acceptance of the House of Representatives of the resignation of Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move to rectify our records to indicate the following corrections with reference to the election of members to certain Committees on August 5, 2019:

first, to indicate Rep. Alfonso V. Umali Jr. as the duly elected Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development instead of Rep. Reynaldo Umali;

second, to indicate Rep. Cesar “Jawo” L. Jimenez Jr. as the duly elected member of the Committee on Ways and Means instead of Rep. Cesar Chavez;

third, with reference to the election of members of certain Committees on August 6, 2019, to invalidate the election of Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria as member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and reaffirm his election as Vice Chairperson of the same Committee; and

fourth, to invalidate the election of Rep. Sharee Ann Tee Tan as member of the Committee on National Defense and Security on the part of the Majority, as the Honorable Tan (S.) is a member of the Minority bloc.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The corrections to the Committee memberships are hereby approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.



REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of our esteemed Minority Leader, the Hon. Bienvenido “Benny” M. Abante Jr. They are members of the Ulama League for Call and Guidance Inc., a Muslim youth-oriented non-profit organization which champions their rights and opportunities for education, livelihood, and entrepreneurship of the peaceful and healthy community they represent. Again, the Ulama League for Call and Guidance Inc., the guests of the Minority Leader, the Honorable Abante.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The guests of the Minority Leader Benny Abante are hereby welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Privilege Hour is hereby terminated.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, August 7, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Estrella). The session is hereby adjourned.

*It was 6:57 p.m.*